



INDIA OVER THE MOON

FIRST COUNTRY TO REACH THE LUNAR SOUTH POLE • FOURTH NATION AFTER RUSSIA, THE U.S., AND CHINA TO SUCCESSFULLY LAND ON MOON • FLAWLESS TOUCHDOWN AT 6.04 PM • LANDING PROCESS LASTED 17 MINUTES



This is a moment to cherish. India is now on the Moon and now is the time to walk on the 'Chandra Path'. We are witness to the flight of new India. New history has been written. India is proving again and again that the sky is not the limit

Narendra Modi, PM



Most of those who were with Chandrayaan-2 are with us for Chandrayaan-3. They have gone through such agony...The technology in Chandrayaan-3 is no less complex or inferior to any other technology that goes to the Moon

S Somanath, ISRO chief



This is a big step forward in space exploration and a testament to the impressive progress made by India in the area of science and technology. Congratulations and best wishes for the new achievements

Vladimir Putin, Russian president

BALA CHAUHAN & PURAN CHAUDHARY @ Bengaluru

INDIA on Wednesday scripted history in golden letters after recording the first-ever landing at the Moon's south pole. With this landing, exactly at 6.04 pm, India also became only the fourth country to have soft-landed on the lunar surface after the US, the erstwhile Soviet Union, and China.

Chandrayaan-3's record-setting success comes four days after Russia's lunar mission Luna-25 crashed on August 19, just two days before its scheduled touchdown near the lunar south pole attempting to be the first to do so. That record now lies with Chandrayaan-3 of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).

The Chandrayaan-3's lander Vikram began its powered descent at 5.47 pm from an altitude of 30 km. It completed all the four landing phases of rough braking, altitude hold, fine braking and terminal descent in an error-free manner, as planned and sticking to their respective deadlines. The powered descent of Vikram Lander lasted 17 minutes, filled with tension as it was during this phase that Chandrayaan-2 had lost its lander in September 2019. "Chandrayaan-3 chose a relatively flat region on the lunar surface," ISRO wrote on micro-blogging site X (formerly Twitter). It touched down between Manzinus C and Simpeli N craters near the lunar south pole.

Agony and ecstasy

The entire community of ISRO scientists, including some former ISRO heads who had gathered at the Mission Operations Complex (MOX) at ISRO Telemetry, Tracking and Command Network (ISTRAC) in Bengaluru, exulted in jubilation as Vikram landed. "Sir, we have achieved a soft landing on the Moon. India is on the Moon," said an overwhelmed ISRO chairman S Somanath, seconds after lander Vikram touched down on the Moon while addressing Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who virtually joined to witness the his-

toric moment from South Africa where he is attending the BRICS Summit.

The thunderous applause echoed from inside the MOX and merged with the resounding applause at the press enclave at ISTRAC premises amid loud cheers of *Bharat Mata ki Jai* and *Vande Mataram*.

The scientists inside MOX, who had watched the tense moments of 'terror' of the lander's power descent after the last command from the Earth station at 5.47 pm, broke out into a thunderous applause. It was a complete meltdown of emotions, perseverance, a lot of hard work and celebrations.



Beginning of multiple space explorations

ISRO chief Somanath said Chandrayaan-3's success means a lot to ISRO and marks the beginning of multiple space explorations starting with 'Aditya L1' to study the corona of the Sun early next month. ISRO aims to explore Mars, Venus and other planets and asteroids, he added

"It was a flawless mission," said Somanath while describing the mission so far until the soft-landing was achieved. He described it as "an incremental progress" while crediting the preceding mission, Chandrayaan-2, which failed to achieve a successful soft-landing due to an anomaly in the thrusters while attempting to land on September 7, 2019, leading to its crash. Chandrayaan-3 is an improvement on Chandrayaan-2 while its objectives remain the same.

"It was not an easy task in the last four years. There was a lot of agony and learning from Chandrayaan-2, which helped us in perfecting the

methodology for soft-landing. It was a flawless landing. The velocity (of the lander) was reduced to less than two metres per second (during the power descent)," he said.

Somanath named and invited the scientists behind Chandrayaan-3 — project director P Veeramuthuvel, mission operation director M Srikanth, associate project director K Kalpana, and U R Rao Satellite Centre director M Sankaran — to address the media.

Several missions from various countries, including India, Russia, Japan, and Israel have attempted landing near the lunar south pole but failed.

Why south pole

The significance of the lunar south pole is that it holds promise for setting up future human bases. While the region has been screened from orbit by various orbiting missions, including Chandrayaan-2, which continues to be in a lunar orbit, none has been able to land to conduct on-site experiments and studies of the lunar environment at and around the Moon's south pole. The region is understood to be holding abundant water ice and mineral resources that can sustain human bases in future.

Vikram will deploy its rover Pragyaan to conduct on-site studies. Somanath said Pragyaan will be deployed from the lander in the "next few hours or even a day, looking at the surface conditions. It will operate on the lunar surface for 14 Earth days and gather valuable scientific data", which would be relayed back to the Deep Space Network centre at Bialalu near Bengaluru for analysis. The lander's mission is planned to be over 14 days (one lunar day), during which the lander's three payloads and the rover's two payloads will be active to conduct the studies of the lunar environment.

Explaining the various components used in the Moon mission, he said all of them were developed in the country. He added that the lander does have some instruments provided by some countries to conduct tests on the Moon surface. **P5,9**

MOON WALK

Chandrayaan-3's Vikram Lander is the first successful mission for India and globally the 11th successful unmanned mission. There were six other successful manned missions on the Moon

ROBOTIC TOUCHDOWN

SPACECRAFT	COUNTRY	LAUNCH DATE	MOON LANDING
• Luna 9	USSR	Jan 31, 1966	Feb 3, 1966
• Surveyor 1	USA	May 30, 1966	June 2, 1966
• Luna 13	USSR	Dec 21, 1966	Dec 24, 1966
• Surveyor 3	USA	April 17, 1967	April 20, 1967
• Surveyor 5	USA	Sept 8, 1967	Sept 11, 1967
• Surveyor 6	USA	Nov 7, 1967	Nov 10, 1967
• Surveyor 7	USA	Jan 7, 1968	Jan 10, 1968
• Luna 17	USSR	Nov 10, 1970	Nov 17, 1970
Delivered Lunokhod 1 rover to the surface of the Moon			
• Chang'e 3	China	Dec 6, 2013	Dec 14, 2013
Delivered Yutu rover to lunar surface			
• Chang'e 4	China	Dec 7, 2018	Jan 03, 2019
Delivered Yutu 2 Rover. First lunar far-side landing			

HUMAN LANDING

• Apollo 11	USA	July 16, 1969	July 20, 1969
First humans to land on the Moon			
• Apollo 12	USA	Nov 14, 1969	Nov 17, 1969
Rendezvous with Surveyor 3 on the surface of the Moon			
• Apollo 14	USA	Jan 31, 1971	Feb 4, 1971
Crew landed on the lunar highlands			
• Apollo 15	USA	July 26, 1971	July 29, 1971
Ninth Apollo crewed mission and the fourth to land on the Moon. It used a Lunar Roving Vehicle			
• Apollo 16	USA	April 16, 1972	April 19, 1972
Landing and exploration in an area which scientists believed was formed by volcanic action			
• Apollo 17	USA	Dec 7, 1972	Dec 20, 1972
Final human mission to the Moon			

5-watt signal amplifier

Chandrayaan-3 is the product of team work with several scientists, technicians, entrepreneurs among others joining hands to make it a success. ISRO's associate director Dr B H M Darukesh and his team had developed a 5-watt signal amplifier for communication — an important part of Chandrayaan-3's lander and rover — when no other country came forward to provide it to India since amplifiers are mostly used by the military | **P9**

Rover's desi cameras

The Pragyaan rover has two cameras which would be its eyes compared to foreign space agencies that use expensive cameras. The software in the rover has been developed by a Noida-based start-up, Omnipresent Robot Technologies. The images captured by the rover would generate a 3-D map of the lunar landscape. It also has a spectrometer to determine the chemical composition of the surface

60% of BBMP buildings lack fire safety systems

MOHAMMED YACOOB @ Bengaluru

THE Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike's (BBMP) quality control laboratory did not have a fire safety system as per National Building Code (NBC) norms at the time of the blaze there 13 days ago, according to sources. Nine staff members working at the laboratory suffered burns in the blaze.

As per NBC norms, all buildings with three or more floors and laboratories, where tests and experiments are done, should have "fire escape staircases". But the Palike's laboratory did not have such a staircase, the sources said. They said over 60% of Palike's

buildings across the city are without such staircases. The laboratory was not fully equipped with fire extinguishers when the fire broke out. Fire extinguishers had to be rushed from elsewhere to douse the blaze.

"The Palike's building lacks a fully operational fire fighting system. As per my knowledge, even the mandatory 'No Objection Certificate' from the fire and emergency services was not obtained for the quality control laboratory," a senior official from BBMP headquarters said.

The sources said the civic body's engineers are yet to appear before the police officers investigating the case with documents which they had sought. **CONTINUED ON P2**

TIE-BREAK TO DECIDE WORLD CUP WINNER

R Praggnanandhaa drew the second classical game of the final of the FIDE Chess World Cup against World No 1 Magnus Carlsen. The finalists called it a draw after 30 moves | **P17**

Board exams twice a year, students can retain higher score

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @ New Delhi

FROM the next academic year, board examinations for classes 10 and 12 will be held twice a year and students can retain the higher score. Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan said on Wednesday as he launched the new curriculum framework for schools in sync with the National Education Policy 2020. Under the new framework, students in classes 9 and 10 will study three languages, of which two will be Indian, while class 11 and 12 students will study two languages including one Indian. Currently, class 9 and 10 students have to study two mandatory languages while class 11 and 12 students have only one.

Students will now have more combinations of subjects while choosing their stream. Another highlight of the framework is the reduced content load in each subject to make space for critical thinking and holistic learning.

Pradhan said India has to live up to global expectations and has to "develop technology-driven educational system that meets expectations of the world's community alongside India".



Prime Minister Narendra Modi addresses the Open Plenary Session of BRICS Summit, in Johannesburg, South Africa, on Wednesday | **PTI | REPORT: P9**

MAKING A POINT

Pre-2019 vehicles must have high-security number plates by Nov 17

AKNISREE KARTHIK @ Bengaluru

ALL vehicles registered in the state before April 1, 2019, should have High-Security Registration Plates (HSRP) by November 17.

A circular issued by the transport department stated that failure to adhere to this order aimed at standardising registration plates of all vehicles across the country to put an end to tampering with

number plates to commit crimes, will attract fines up to Rs 1,000 and action against errant vehicle owners. Affixation of HSRP on old vehicles will be done by authorised dealers of original equipment manufacturers (OEMs), the circular issued on August 18 stated.

Vehicle owners will be asked to book appointments to fix the new number plates and make payments for the same through the

portals authorized by OEMs. Through the portals, vehicle owners can select the nearest dealer and date to get the number plates fixed as per their convenience. OEMs or their dealers should display the fees for the number plates at their showrooms and for registration on the HSRP portal.

The authorised HSRP manufacturers should ensure that they upload the photograph of the number

plate on the HSRP portal and ensure that the laser code is updated on VAHAN portal. Legal action will be initiated against those selling and supplying HSRP without the permission of OEMs. Owners of vehicles who have fixed imitation of HSRP or look alike plates should go for authorised HSRP to avoid penalty, the circular stated.

Transport officials said there were nearly two crore vehicles in

EXPRESS READ

Mathematician Dr CR Rao passes away at 102

Visakhapatnam: Renowned mathematician and statistician Callyampudi Radhakrishna Rao, popularly known as Dr CR Rao, passed away in the United States on Wednesday. He was 102. Rao achieved worldwide fame for his contributions to statistics | **P5**

Wagner chief said to be among dead in jet crash

Moscow: A private jet crashed in Russia on Wednesday, killing all 10 people on board. Mercenary chief Yevgeny Prigozhin was on the passenger list, but it wasn't immediately clear if he was on board. Media reports said the jet belonged to Prigozhin, founder of the Wagner military company

After mishap, Bescom on course to clear OFC cables

Energy dept also issues notice to firms to remove them or face action

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru:

A day after a 21-year-old Christ University girl student suffered severe burns when a live wire fell on her after a water tanker accidentally pulled an optical fibre cable causing an electric pole to fall, officials of the Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Ltd (Bescom) started a drive to clear all unauthorised OFCs in the city.

Bescom Managing Director Mahantesh Bilagi said many such cables are dangling dangerously low across the city, but there is no information as to how many areas are affected by it. There is also no data on how many kilometres these cables have been drawn, he added. But all the cables are being removed.

The energy department too has issued a notice stating that all overhead OFC cables should be cleared immediately, failing which legal action will be taken against erring companies.

A Bescom release stated, "Bescom has decided to remove all illegal Optical Fiber Cables (OFCs), data cables and dish antenna cables which have been laid on electrical poles across Bescom jurisdiction. Due to unauthorised OFCs, dish cable and internet data cables laid on electric poles, two pedestrians are injured coming under the toppling electric poles in two separate incidents in Bengaluru. Following these two incidents, BESCOM has decided to remove all the unauthorised cables within one week. BESCOM has also stated if OFC and dish cable operators do not remove these cables within one week, BESCOM itself will remove these cables and book case against the concerned operators."



Hanging OFC bunches pose danger to road users

PURAN CHOUDHARY @Bengaluru

OPTICAL Fibre Cables (OFC) which are strung across streets, marring the city skyline, and hang in ugly bunches on tree branches and poles, led to two near-fatal accidents in the past week. Two electric poles were brought down when hanging cables were dragged by passing vehicles, proving dangerous to pedestrians — one was severely injured and another suffered burns.

Bengalureans are at their wits' end on how to deal with this menace, as they constantly trip over the cables on footpaths. Despite Bescom declaring that no cables will be hung on their transformers, and the Karnataka High Court passing an interim order to remove such wires from streetlights, tree branches and poles, very little has changed.

BBMP Commissioner Tushar Girinath told TNIE, "We will soon undertake a survey to understand the permission given to cable and telecommunication operators, and how many of them are live, and according-

ly, penalties will be levied." On the current situation, Girinath added, "Most of the cables hanging on tree branches and lying on footpaths are non-functional, as cable TV has become unpopular. Most houses now have connections to OTT platforms and these cables have been dumped on pedestrians walkways.

Citizens and activists want the government to act fast as several fatal cases have been reported, especially during the rainy season. Poornima Shetty, president of Rustom Bagh Association for Welfare and United RWA for Kona Aghara, said, "Despite there being a law, OFC cables are rampant. In 2021, we conducted a 'Free the Tree' campaign and re-

moved all cables however within a year they are back. Anjali Sahini, member of Whitfield Rising, recently bought up this issue during Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar's interaction or Brand Bengaluru.

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Anjali Sahini, member, Whitfield Rising

Namma Yatri to charge fee from Sept 1

PURAN CHOUDHARY @Bengaluru

NAMMA Yatri, the autorickshaw booking app backed by the Auto Rickshaw Drivers' Union (ARDU) of Bengaluru, which has been giving tough competition to other aggregators, has announced that it will collect a subscription fee from drivers from September 1.

The app plans to charge drivers a flat Rs 25 fee per day for unlimited rides or Rs 2.5 for the first ten rides daily. Launched in 2022, the app has around 17 lakh customers with 89,000 auto drivers registered on it. It operates as an open platform, logging approximately 90,000 daily trips. It has registered over 79 lakh trips in the last nine months.

The move has invited mixed

reaction from auto drivers with some rueing that they were earlier promised that no charges will be fixed while others saying that this is a small price to pay compared to other aggregators that charge a 30% commission. Several drivers said if the subscription plan stays the same, they are willing to accept it, but if the app plans to increase the prices over time, then it will burn a hole in their pocket.

"This is still better than Ola and Uber as their commission rates are very high. Hopefully, Namma Yatri won't increase the amount. If that is done, then there is no difference be-

tween them and other apps," said Narayana Swamy, an auto driver outside Indiranagar Metro Station.

Shan MS, Chief Growth Officer of Juspay which helped develop the app, said the subscription is being introduced to cover the maintenance cost of the software as well as costs for marketing and overhead expenditure. "Within a week of launching these plans, over 35,000 drivers have opted for it, with 7,500 completing the subscription. We are also actively exploring further price reductions in the future," he added.



Arun Kumar, a driver for 15 years, said, "Earlier they promised no fee at all. With this development, we have no choice, but to use a mix of aggregator apps." "To avoid this fee, we will try and convince customers not to book via the app," another driver added.

Ola, Uber, Rapido and Namma Yatri apps are dealing with the issue of drivers arriving at the location and then asking customers to cancel the ride.

Auto driver Bacchalal Kumar said, "Anyway, the profit margin is so less, why will we pay another app our money?"

However, auto union president Rudra Murthy claimed that not many will be impacted by the move and it is somewhat "manageable".



FESTIVE SEASON BEGINS

People throng KR Market to buy flowers and fruits ahead of Varamahalakshmi festival on Friday | VINOD KUMAR T

INFOSYS FOUNDATION AWARDS EIGHT SOCIAL INNOVATORS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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INFOSYS Foundation, the philanthropic and corporate social responsibility arm of Infosys, on Wednesday announced the winners of the third edition of Aarohan Social Innovation Awards. It recognised winners across three categories -- Healthcare, Education and Women Empowerment.

The winners were short-listed from over 2,400 submissions and evaluated by a jury, including Arvind Gupta, toy inventor and science expert, and Dr Pratima Murthy Director and Head of the Department of Psychiatry, NIMHANS, among others.

These awards, established in 2018, aim to recognise and reward individuals, teams, and NGOs for creating pathbreaking solutions for social good, benefiting the underprivileged in India. The winners across

categories of healthcare, education and women empowerment were awarded Rs 50 lakh each. Subrahmanyam Prasad Muddam and Akitha Kolloju from Hyderabad, who developed 'nLite 360', an advanced, portable, standalone, and battery-powered smart phototherapy device that provides customised treatment for severe and dynamic jaundice conditions, were awarded under the healthcare category.



Seetharam Muthangi from Bengaluru who developed 'Smart Vision Glasses', an artificial intelligence-enriched assistive device that helps people with visual disabilities identify objects and people, gauge distance, detect currency, read books and manuscripts in Indian regional languages, among other things, was awarded under the education category.

Under women empowerment, Shelter Associates, an

NGO from Pune that created 'One Home One Toilet', a data-driven model focused on facilitating sanitized household toilets for the underprivileged urban women, was awarded.

Sail Parekh, Chairman, Infosys Foundation, said, "Tough real-world problems can only be solved with purposeful innovation. The Aarohan Social Innovation Awards not only celebrate such innovations but empower social innovators by helping them scale-up and impact more lives."

In addition to the category winners, the jury recognised five social innovations and awarded their creators prize money of Rs 10 lakh each. The Jury's Special Award-winning innovations include Swaasa, an artificial intelligence platform that can be used for screening and diagnosis of respiratory diseases, created by Narayana Rao Sripada, Manmohan Jain and Venkat Yechuri of Hyderabad.

'Waiting for details from Palike'

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"WE had served a notice to BBMP Engineer-In-Chief BS Prahalad. He was supposed to give details regarding the quality control laboratory, about the safety norms, staff strength at the laboratory, CCTV footage, etc. But the Engineer-In-Chief stated that he could not visit the police station as he is heading a Palike panel which is conducting an inquiry into the blaze. Only after getting all details from the Palike, we will start our probe," a senior police officer from the Halasuru Gate police station said.

EXPRESS READ

NIMHANS celebrates platinum jubilee

NIMHANS, previously called the All India Institute of Mental Health (AIIMH), celebrated its platinum jubilee on Wednesday. Dr Pratima Murthy, Director, said NIMHANS is a testament to AIIMH's commitment to mental health. Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraj Wadiyar from the erstwhile royal family of Mysore inaugurated the event and paid tribute to the legacy of the institute. **ENS**

'Quadri-cycles legal, rumours being spread'

Despite the Department of Legal Metrology verifying the digital fare meters for quadri-cycles, some vested interests are spreading rumours that the vehicles are illegal, said Ola Uber Drivers' and Owners' Association president Tanveer Pasha. Quadri-cycle owners are worried ever since such rumours started doing the rounds on social media over the past two days, said. **ENS**

NCBS to sign MoUs for better research

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THE National Centre for Biological Sciences (NCBS), Bengaluru, will sign Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) on Thursday, 24 August 2023, with Research & Training Organizations of Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change (MoEFCC), Indian Council of Forestry and Re-

search and Education (ICFRE), Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy (IGFNA), Central Academy for State Forestry Service (CASFOS), Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding (IFGTB) and Forest Survey of India (FSI), as a step towards building partnership for research and education on biodiversity and conservation.

This joint venture will aid in Indian Forest Service (IFS) pro-

bation and mid-career officers, and their internship at NCBS-TIFR and its partner institutes; short-term training programs, workshops and conferences, and joint supervision of Master of Science projects for joint PhD students.

The partnerships will include faculty exchange programmes and joint courses on conservation genetics and restoration biology.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

24th August: There's a wonderful alignment this week, one which normally points to inspiration. But it has two other phases, one of which indicates genius and the other great imagination. In each of these stages the facts tend to be overwhelmed by fantasy, which is why I am sounding a note of caution for everyone who has to take careful decisions.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

Now you must pay attention to relatives and anyone you live with, otherwise problems that can easily be settled will blow up when you least expect. Domestic friction can only be resolved by facing the facts, never by resorting to a fantasy of what might have been.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)

The day's planets are definitely on your side, yet in a round-about manner. When good luck comes your way it won't be obvious, but concealed and disguised. It's up to you to stay alert for new opportunities, and to notice when close friends and colleagues present you with chances that you might once have overlooked.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

Mars and Venus are now exerting a special influence over your finances. Therefore, check all bills, invoices and receipts. This is just the time when carelessness could result in mistakes slipping through unnoticed, and the last thing you want is to pay out more than you need.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

Now that Venus is softening the atmosphere, the news in general should be good, especially if partners are feeling more conciliatory. One thing to watch, though, is that in the rush to get matters arranged at home, you don't tread on people's toes.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)

You should be fully in sympathy with those around you who seem intent on enjoying themselves in a thoroughly traditional manner. You are now able to appreciate Venus' soothing presence and you're increasingly engaged in a positive quest for inner peace and fulfillment.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)

At exactly the right time, the planets have seen fit to adopt a classically sociable posture. You really must make an effort to mix as widely as possible, even if you find it difficult to push yourself forward. You're probably right to wait and see how the financial situation pans out.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)

Professional ambitions certainly do seem to be reaching a critical stage. You may even decide it's time to read the riot act and reassert your control. Some where along the line, though, you may cut certain ties and restore a degree of personal independence.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

Because Venus and Mercury are sitting on the dividing lines of the crucial sectors of your chart, it is frankly unclear whether you will choose to implement certain fundamental changes of plan, or merely raise them for discussion. You can soon, though, rely on improving circumstances.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)

As personal affairs appear to be going well, this may seem to be exactly the wrong time to start worrying about financial problems and possibilities, but this is just what you will be doing over the coming days. Perhaps you have just spent more than you could afford.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)

Purely as a result of cumulative pressures, you may be tempted to throw caution to the wind and push through as many changes as you think necessary. Partnerships, though, will be in a state of rapidly escalating complexity, but partly because your imagination is expanding with great speed.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

Modern astrologers talk a great deal about the 'inner world' of dreams and imagination. It is time to remind you that, with so many planets in the unconscious part of your horoscope, you ignore this mysterious realm at the expense of the quality of your entire life.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)

Venus, planet of love, is a generally supportive presence which is shielding you from fear of personal criticism. There is every chance that you will now begin to feel considerably more confident about your situation, especially if you continue to boost your financial security.

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CROSS WORD

ACROSS

- Mountaineer has an inclination to swallow a peg (8)
- Company with little work is to shut up (4)
- A sign that your car's not working? (2,3)
- An early caller (7)
- Travelling light? (8,4)
- Close to a conclusion (6)
- Watch for second coming? (6)
- He cheats - by giving two cards instead of one? (6-6)
- Concentrated on treating tennis elbow initially (7)
- I get contract as a model (5)
- Don't work for nothing (4)
- Criterion followed by a cavalry regiment (8)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Porcupine, 8 Donor, 9 Release, 10 Flocks, 11 Petals, 12 Bangalore, 13 Strident, 18 Stopped, 20 Berms, 21 Abraham, 22 Usher, 23 Eradiate.

DOWN

- Call of the sea? (4)
- A roof may be tarred (7)
- Fresh start with ground in North America (12)
- Stock tune (6)
- Ideal group to play an eightsome reel? (5)
- Shows the harbour lights (8)
- People in the services (12)
- Telephone fault may mean a reporter missing it (8)
- She eats her salad (7)
- Coming for a time before Christmas (6)
- Extremist talk (5)
- Hurriedly left without having eaten (4)

JUMBLE

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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Yesterday's

Jumbles: YIELD FRONT SPEEDY SAILOR

Answer: The termite and the cockroach became best buddies, which made them — "PEST" FRIENDS

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

Do you have any other shades? Why not buy them?

I just can't decide.

IN ORDER TO DECIDE WHICH COSMETICS TO PURCHASE, SHE'D NEED TO ---

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Peeing in open: Techie, bro-in-law beaten up in Varthur, case booked

The duo was returning home after buying liquor when unidentified group attacked them

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A 36-year-old techie and his brother-in-law were beaten up by a group of unidentified men after the latter was caught urinating in the open on a vacant plot near Balagere Road in Varthur police limits on Saturday evening.

The techie, Suresh (name changed), who hails from Odisha, resides in an upscale apartment on Balagere Road with his family. He and his family moved to Bengaluru 12 years ago.

His 35-year-old brother-in-law is a businessman. They had gone to buy liquor

when the attack took place between 8pm and 8.10pm.

While returning home, the techie's brother-in-law went to the vacant plot and started urinating. Seeing this, the unidentified men started punching him, accusing him of creating public nuisance.

When the techie rushed to the rescue of his brother-in-law, he was pushed into a stormwater drain.

He suffered severe head injuries and was admitted to a private hospital.

As it was a medico-legal case, the hospital reported the matter to the police. Varthur po-

lice, who recorded the statements of the victim at the hospital, have registered a case.

Speaking to *The New Indian Express*, the techie said, "I have 12 stitches on my head. First, the group attacked my brother-in-law. I rushed to his rescue and the accused pushed me into the nearby drain. I suffered head injuries and was profusely bleeding. My brother-in-law took me to a nearby nursing home and from there to another hospital."

The police recorded the statements of the techie in the pres-

ence of the doctors who treated him in the hospital.

"The attack was over a trivial issue. The accused are yet to be arrested. We are checking the CCTV cameras in the vicinity for clues. There are no CCTV cameras at the place where the attack took place. It happened in darkness and the victims claim that they have not seen the group of men earlier," said a police officer investigating the case.

A case of causing hurt and wrongful restraint along with other Sections of the Indian Penal Code has been registered against the accused. Further investigations are on.



'FOR SPEEDY JUSTICE'

HC to courts: Conduct trials on day-to-day basis

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THE Karnataka High Court directed all trial courts to conduct trials on a day-to-day basis, by following Section 309 of the Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC).

Justice K Natarajan passed the order while dismissing the petition filed by Ansu from Gundlupet, seeking bail in a triple murder case.

One of the contentions of the counsel, representing the accused-petitioner, was that the petitioner has been in custody for more than three years, and the trial has not yet begun. The trial court is simply adjourn-

ing the matter and prosecution has not recorded evidence of the witnesses. A speedy trial is guaranteed under the Constitution. Therefore, there is a delay in trial and he is entitled to bail, he argued.

The court said it is observed in various cases that counsels for the accused are approaching the high court for grant of bail on the ground that there is a delay in conducting trial by the sessions court. It was observed by this court that most of the session judges are not conducting the trial in letter and spirit, by following the mandate of the Supreme Court and as per Section 309 of the CrPC.

Medico student from TN creates fake X account, trolls cops, celebrities

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A 19-year-old MBBS student from Tamil Nadu was arrested and released for allegedly attempting to malign the image of the city police, by creating a fake account of Bengaluru City Police on the X platform.

The accused, Magesh Kumar, created an account with a username (@BlrCityPolice) identical to the official handle of Bengaluru Police (@BlrCityPolice) to give a false impression of the police.

He was using the fake X handle to defame Indian cricket players based on their poor performance during Indian Premier League (IPL) matches and other international matches. He was also targeting celebrities through a fake account. Based on his activity, Bengaluru City Police tracked him and took down the fake account. Magesh, who said he had been doing it for fun, now faces a case under the IT Act by the cyber crime police.



VISIT TO HILL SHRINE

Karnataka Governor Thawar Chand Gehlot offered prayers to Lord Venkateswara in Tirumala on Wednesday

Doctors save teen's toe from rare bone tumour

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IN a meticulously planned surgery, doctors from Bengaluru were able to save the toe of a 16-year-old who was suffering from a rare bone tumour. The girl, who was recommended a toe amputation by doctors in Kolkata, consulted Manipal Hospital, Hebbal, where the doctors were able to save her toe.

Tejaswi (name changed) checked into Manipal Hospital with a swelling in the second toe of her right foot. She had developed the swelling about two months before visiting the hospital. When she noticed that there was a swelling in the second toe of her right

foot, that had not regressed even after a month, she visited a private hospital in Kolkata where she was diagnosed with an aggressive giant cell tumor. The lesion had grown out of the bone, attacking the adjacent tissues and her doctors suggested surgical amputation of the affected toe.

She refused to get an amputation. Intent to save her toe, she approached Dr Ravichandra Kelkar, Consultant - Orthopaedic Surgeon at Manipal Hospital in Bengaluru. A PET scan revealed the tumour was confined to the toe. In the surgery which lasted about an hour-and-a-half, the doctor cut open the toe and removed the tumor without disturbing the surrounding tissues.

Man gets life sentence for rape, murder of 3-year-old

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A 32-year-old man, who had allegedly raped and murdered a three-year-old girl, has been convicted and awarded life imprisonment by a fast-track court.

Sonu Nishad, who hails from Uttar Pradesh, is the person who is convicted. The incident had taken place in Kothanur police station limits on February 26, 2018. Nishad, a painter by profession who was aged 27 then, had raped a three-year-old girl who was playing near her house and had murdered her by smashing her head with a stone.

The Kothanur police had booked him for murder and also under the provisions of the POCSO Act and had submitted a chargesheet to the court.

EXPRESS READ

KMIO plans event on lymphoma

BENGALURU: Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology (KMIO) is organising a medical education programme about the changing trends on lymphoma on September 2. Lymphoma is a cancer of the immune system affecting blood and lymph nodes, the incidence of which is on the rise. Doctors have highlighted that it is a treatable disease if correctly diagnosed at an early stage. On the occasion of their 50th anniversary and the 150 years of laryngectomy (a surgery to remove larynx) this year, the institution has also organised a scientific programme on August 25 and 26 involving panel discussions and workshops.

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KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-TENDER NOTICE
Tender No : 84/2023-24/ SE/PHC/ALP
AMRUT-2.0-Kayamkulam Municipality-Pipeline Work.
EMD : Rs. 500000/-; Tender fee : Rs. 19518/-; Last Date for submitting Tender : 11-09-2023 02:00:pm Phone : 0477-2237954
Website : www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in
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NO.PCB/231/SEO/MINES/EPH/2023-24/ 2731 Dated:21.08.2023

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Sri. Ravigouda Patil, has proposed to undertake Quarrying of Pink Granite of maximum capacity 4500 Cum or 11,880TPA in a total land area of 2.25 Acres at Sy.No. 52/2/2,Kadur Village, Kusthagi Taluk, Koppal District, Karnataka. This project proposal falls under cluster effect as per Office Memorandum issued by MoEF & CC, Gol vide No. F. No. L-11011/ 175/ 2018-IA-II(M) dated:12.12.2018.

As Per Environment Impact Assessment Notification dated: 14.09.2006 and Amendment dated:01.12.2009, the project proponent has to obtain prior Environmental Clearance from the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority and is required to go through Environmental Public Hearing process. As per the Terms of Reference letter (ToR) No.SEIAA 344 MIN 2022 dated:27.09.2022 issued by SEIAA, Karnataka and request letter of the project proponent dated:08.05.2023 and Regional Officer, Koppal letter dated:17.07.2023 intimating the date, the Environmental Public Hearing is being conducted by KSPCB.

Name & Address of the Project Proponent : Sri. Ravigouda Patil, #18, Kadur Yerigonal Koppal District-583 281.

Location of the proposed Quarry Project: Sy. No. 52/2/2, Kadur Village, Kusthagi Taluk, Koppal District.

Details of activity: Proposed to undertake Quarrying of Pink Granite of maximum capacity 4500 Cum or 11,880 TPA in a total land area of 2.25 Acres.

Date, time and venue of Environmental Public Hearing: Date: 26.09.2023 (Tuesday) Time: 11.00 AM Place: Project site, Sy. No. 52/2/2, Kadur Village, Kusthagi Taluk, Koppal District.

Places of availability of project documents as per EIA Notification, which is kept open to public are: (a) Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Koppal District, Koppal (b) Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat, Koppal District, Koppal. (c) District Industries Centre, Koppal District, Koppal. (d) Tahsildar Office, Kusthagi Taluk (e) Gram Panchayath Office, Kadur Village (f) Office of the Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Koppal (g) SEIAA Karnataka (Ecology and Environment), Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment, Government of Karnataka, Room No. 709, 7th Floor, 4th Gate, MS Building, Bengaluru - 560 001. (h) **HELP DESK**, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Ground Floor, No.49, Parisara Bhavan, Church Street, Bengaluru - 560 001.

NOTE: Suggestions, views, comments and objections of interested bonafide residents, environmental groups and others located at project site and likely to be affected by the proposed project are invited within 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice. They can also make oral/written/E-Mail suggestions to the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board/Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee (Deputy Commissioner, Koppal District, Koppal). Interested public can participate in the Public Hearing at the above mentioned place & Time. For further details please visit kspcb website: <http://kspcb.karnataka.gov.in>.

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Member Secretary

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Expression of Interest for the Commercial Development of Land Parcels under Public Private Partnership mode

KIIFCON Private Limited, on behalf of a leading public sector undertaking of Govt. of Kerala, invites online Expression of Interest (Eoi) from the eligible companies/firms for "COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF EIGHT (8) MOST VANTAGE LAND PARCELS IN TOWN AND CITIES OF KERALA, TO BE IMPLEMENTED ON PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP MODE UNDER DESIGN, BUILD, FINANCE, OPERATE AND TRANSFER BASIS". Last date of submission of Eoi is 07.10.2023.

The tender document can be downloaded & submitted through e-tender Kerala portal www.etenders.kerala.gov.in from 23.08.2023 onwards.

Tender ID: 2023_KIIFC_598218,212,220,224,232,229,234,235_1; Dt: 23rd August 2023

Sd/- CEO, KIIFCON Pvt. Ltd.

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E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE
E-procurement T.No.CEIAM/AP/GNT/EP/13/2023-24, Dated: 23-08-2023
The Chief Engineer (AM) Guntur invites "Request for Quotation" (RFQ) for "Fabrication, Supply, Installation, Commissioning of 4 lines of Banana cleaning Grading and Packing Lines & Two lines of each 5 TPH capacity of Multi commodity cleaning, Grading and Packing line at Brahmanapalli (V), Pulivendula (M) in Y.S.R. Kadapa District" from interested reputed firms/OEMs. E-procurement site opens on Dt. 25-08-2023 at 4.00 P.M. Any other information can be had from the www.tender.aeprocurement.gov.in or from the Chief Engineer (AM), O/o, Commissioner & Director of Agri. Marketing, Chuttugunta Centre, Guntur-522 004.

Sd/- Chief Engineer (AM),
O/o, Commissioner and Director of Agri. Marketing, Govt. of A.P. Guntur.

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F.No. 66/06/01/2022/Ele/1797 Dated. 11.08.2023

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Department of Electricity, UT of Lakshadweep Administration, Kavaratti invites competitive E-Tender from the Original Licensed Manufacturers or their Authorized Distributors/Agents for the following work as detailed below.

Name of Work	Supply of Single/Three phase AC Energy Meter to Lakshadweep Electricity Department. (LED)
Tender Fee/Cost of Tender Form	₹ 500/-
EMD	₹ 163000/-
Bid Document available for downloading from	14.08.2023 12:00 PM
Bid Document available for downloading up to	29.08.2023 12:00 PM
Last date & Time for submission of Bid	30.08.2023 12:00 PM
Opening of Technical Bid	31.08.2023 10:00 AM
Opening of Financial Bid	Will be decided after finalization of Technical Bid.

Tender Document containing detailed terms & conditions and goods required can be downloaded from the website www.lakshadweep.nic.in. Bidders willing to participate in the tender shall visit the e-tender website www.tendersuti.gov.in for participation. For any help/query, please contact representative of the department through email lk-telctel@nic.in or Telephone No. 04896262363, 04896263544 and for help in processing of e-tender please contact E-tender helpdesk email eproc@nic.in or Telephone No 0120 4200462

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CM PROPOSES ALL-PARTY DELEGATION TO MEET PM

● Siddu reiterates Karnataka's plight, says Mekedatu will solve all problems ● Seeks cooperation from all parties ● Says there is a need for distress formula

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI
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KARNATAKA Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Wednesday sought the cooperation of opposition parties to take an all-party delegation to PM Narendra Modi at the earliest, to resolve inter-state river water disputes with regard to Cauvery, Mahadayi, Krishna and the Mekedatu project.

Briefing the press after the all-party leaders' meeting at Vidhana Soudha, he also suggested that a distress formula be arrived at with regard to sharing of Cauvery water. The state has been facing a difficult situation every five or six years due to scanty rainfall, and could not release water to Tamil Nadu.

Meanwhile, he suggested that implementation of the Mekedatu project, with a storage capacity of 67 tmcft, will help Tamil Nadu as water could be released even during distress. "But the Tamil Nadu government has been unnecessarily opposing the project," he rued. Former CM B S Yediyurappa also backed a distress formula.

Siddaramaiah defended the State Government's reluctance to release the quantum of water Tamil Nadu had demanded. Officials representing Karnataka at the Cauvery Water Management Authority have voiced the state's plight. "By now, 86.38 tmcft of water had to be released, but till August 20, only

24 tmcft of water was released. We have opposed their demand and made a sincere effort to put forth facts before the authorities as our crops were not irrigated due to scarcity of rain, and we have to meet drinking water supply too," he claimed.

"There was 63 tmcft of water in Mettur dam in Tamil Nadu and 32 tmcft of water is sufficient for the 'kuruva' crop. Tamil Nadu had claimed it will raise crops on 1.85 lakh acres, but expanded beyond that and is utilising more water. Despite this, they walked out of the CWMA meeting as the authority directed Karnataka to release 10,000 cusecs of water as against their demand for 15,000 cusecs. Tamil Nadu filed an objection in court, accusing Karnataka of not releasing water. We should also keep in mind the interest of our farmers and drinking water supply," stated Siddaramaiah. Karnataka's legal team has been instructed to argue the state's case competently before the three-judge bench, with the first hearing on August 25, he informed. The state is facing hardship after setting up CWMA and Cauvery Water Regulation Committee.

Former CMs BS Yediyurappa, HD Kumaraswamy, Basavaraj Bommai, DV Sadananda Gowda, Veerappa Moily and Jagadish Shettar, ministers, MPs and Advocate-General Shashikiran Shetty took part in the meeting.

AAP NOT INVITED, EXPRESSES DISAPPOINTMENT

BENGALURU: The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) on Wednesday expressed disappointment for not being invited for the all-party meeting. AAP former state president and coordinator south Prithvi Reddy told TNIE that party state chief Mukhyamantri Chandru had personally written to the CM and DyCM stressing the importance of the need to speak in one united voice in the interest of the state. "We offered to participate in the deliberation and offered assistance of subject expert Brijesh Kalappa, who is not only a water resources expert but has represented Karnataka officially in this matter in the Supreme Court for over 20 years," he added. "Solutions can emerge from any direction. Why is the government not inviting a national political party despite us offering to play a positive part," Kalappa wondered.

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(From right) Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Deputy CM DK Shivakumar and former CMs BS Yediyurappa, HD Kumaraswamy, Basavaraj Bommai, DV Sadananda Gowda, Veerappa Moily and Jagadish Shettar, at the all-party meeting in Bengaluru on Wednesday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

It is just politics, says BJP on Siddu's proposal

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EVEN as Chief Minister Siddaramaiah sought the cooperation of Opposition parties in taking an all-party delegation to Prime Minister Narendra Modi over inter-state water disputes, the BJP has opposed the move calling it "politically motivated".

Former chief minister Basavaraj Bommai, who was present at the meeting, said Karnataka should file an interim application (IA) in the Supreme Court before taking a delegation to the PM. "We are ready to back the State Government with issues concerning the water and land of the state," Bommai said, adding that the government has failed to argue the state's cases related to water disputes in a competent manner.

"The question of taking an all-party delegation to PM does not

DISCHARGE FROM KABINI, KRS REDUCED

MYSURU: Under fire from Opposition parties and farmers for releasing water to Tamil Nadu, the state government reduced discharge from KRS and closed the crest gates of Kabini reservoir. This has brought some relief to farmers as the government finally reduced discharge after the all-party meeting to discuss the situation. Irrigation department officials released more than 6,000 cusecs of water into the river, that brought down the reservoir level from 2,281ft to 2,276ft. Farmers are accusing the government of betraying their interest by releasing water when local farmers are told to grow semi-dry crops. The discharge from KRS has been reduced to 8,964 cusecs, and 2,580 cusecs to the irrigation canal. Irrigation officials have reduced discharge from 15,000 cusecs as farmers in Mandya district are blocking roads and staging a series of protests.

arise at this point. The State Government has not challenged the earlier orders of the courts and tribunals by filing IAs... but is politicising the issue by trying to take an all-party delegation to the PM," Bengaluru South MP Tejasvi Surya said. He urged Siddaramaiah not to politicise

with issues concerning Karnataka's land and language.

JDS leader and former CM HD Kumaraswamy said the all-party meeting would have been relevant if it was convened before the release of water to Tamil Nadu. "Now you (State Government) are releasing wa-

ter to Tamil Nadu... farmers have been protesting and how can you defend your move?" he questioned.

Senior BJP leader and former CM BS Yediyurappa too opined the same. "The meeting should have been convened earlier. A proper argument should have been presented before the Supreme Court and the authorities concerned. The Southwest monsoon season is almost coming to an end in Karnataka. Tamil Nadu will receive showers during the Northeast monsoon season. We are facing a rain deficit. Therefore, all these issues should be placed before the court," he added. "Parties in Karnataka have spoken in one voice on issues concerning Karnataka's land, water, borders and language. No one has tried to politicise these issues and they should not. We all have to protect the welfare of 7 crore people of the state," he added.

Prayers for rain begin in places of worship

MOHAMMED YACOOB @Bengaluru

WITH hardly 45 days left for the Southwest monsoon to end, temples, masjids and churches in Karnataka have decided to hold special prayers.

Kolar's Kurudumale Ganapathi Temple has already started, with a special prayer to be held on Varamahalakshmi festival on Friday. "Kolar and Chikkaballapur region is heavily dependent on rain for crops. Special prayers will be held during Varamahalakshmi festival. All devotees will be asked to spread the message and come for the special puja," said KS Vishwanath Deekshit, head priest, Kurudumale Ganapathi temple, Kolar.

Masjids and churches will offer mass prayers. Moulana Maqsood Rashadi said 'namaz-e-istisqa', a special prayer for rain, will be offered during Friday prayers, and 12,000 masjids in the state will hold sermons on this. "Rain is very essential. Farmers are in distress and drinking water is scarce. Community members who attend the Friday sermon will offer special prayers for rain," said Rashadi.

Fr Martin Kumar, parish priest at St Mary's Basilica, Bengaluru, said community members have been told that rain is a "gift of God" and drought a result of mistakes of humans. People will seek true repentance and pray during Sunday Mass. "If god is happy, he will send his blessing through rain," said Fr Kumar.

Threat letters: CM assures writers of security

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CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah met a delegation of Kannada writers here on Wednesday and assured them that security will be provided to them as they are getting threat letters from unknown people.

Senior writer K Marulasiddappa told Siddaramaiah that apart from him, Kum Veerabhadrappa, Vasundhara Bhupathi and Banjagere Jayaprakash, too are getting such letters.

Marulasiddappa said, "This is an attempt to curtail freedom of expression. If such instances are not taken seriously, there is a fear that there will be a repeat of

Gauri Lankesh and Prof MM Kalburgi murders." He said there is a team of police officials to deal with such cases, but it has not been effective. He urged the chief minister to constitute a stronger team.

The writers told Chief Minister Siddaramaiah that protests are now allowed to be held only at Freedom Park in Bengaluru, but agitations should be permitted in other places too.

They urged the chief minister to reopen the case involving the rape and murder of college student Soujanya in 2012 at Ujire in Dakshina Kannada district.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah told them that he can write a letter to the Union Government asking for a repeat investigation into the case. The advocate general has advised Soujanya's parents to move court, he added.



Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar greets ISRO Chairman S Somanath at the ISRO headquarters in Bengaluru after the successful soft-landing of Chandrayaan-3's lander near the Moon's South Pole, on Wednesday



₹60 cr for development of Hebbalkar's birthplace

BELAGAVI: Women and Child Development Minister Laxmi Hebbalkar has announced an allocation of Rs 60 crore for the overall development of Chikkahattiholi village in Khanapur taluk which is her birthplace. Speaking at a ceremony, Hebbalkar said she herself will formulate a plan for the comprehensive development of Chikkahattiholi and surrounding villages. Recalling her childhood days, she said she was born and brought up in Chikkahattiholi and she used to travel in government buses.

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SUGARY NOTE

With sweets in mid-day meals, this school sees 100% attendance

RAGHOTTAM KOPPAR @Gadag

THIS is some sweet deal to improve attendance at school. At Naregal town in Gadag district, a government primary school has been offering sweet dishes to students during mid-day meals for the last two years. And it has borne results with the attendance clocking 100 per cent.

Every day, apart from rice and sambar, one sweet is part of the meals that includes wheat payasa, groundnut holige, laddu, huggi, Mysore pak and jalebi. It costs Rs 2,000 per day to provide the sweets, and town residents have been making donations to take care of the expenditure as it is not covered

under the government grant.

The school committee has named the initiative Amrit Bhojan, which has been kept running for the last two years by donors. Already, this month's entire cost for Amrit Bhojan has been deposited into the committee's kitty.

This idea to improve attendance was first mooted by the school committee during Sharavana Masa (month) in 2021. As Amrit Bhojan got a good response, the committee continued with it. The school has 307 students — 125 boys and 182 girls — all of whom are attending classes without being absent.

Apart from sweets, the school, which has classes from 1 to 7,



Students of Naregal government school

also organises sports and moral classes to attract students. Uday S, a Naregal resident,

said, "Many students don't go to government schools as there is a competition for quality ed-

ucation. Providing sweets in mid-day meals is a good step, and it should be adopted in other government schools with the participation of the public."

School headmaster BB Kuri said, "Amrit Bhojan apart, we also provide good education. I thank the donors for keeping the initiative alive and teachers for ensuring good education to students."

No BJP MLA will join Cong: Shobha

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UNION Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Shobha Karandlaje dismissed reports of BJP MLAs in Karnataka defecting to the Congress.

Speaking to reporters here on Wednesday, Karandlaje said the BJP had included the MLAs in the 'creamy layer' of the party when it was in power in the state. "The BJP may not be in power in the state, but still the MLAs are unlikely to defect. All BJP MLAs will work to make Narendra Modi India's PM again," she said. Karandlaje said when the BJP was in power in the state, many MLAs joined the party and the party not only helped them in winning elections but also made them ministers. They should now reflect whether it is right on their part to defect to Congress.

On Cauvery row, she said the Congress government is cheating farmers of Karnataka to appease its partners

JDS leader and ex-MLC Ayanur to join Congress

SHIVAMOGGA: Former MLC and JDS leader Ayanur Manjunath said he would be joining the Congress on Thursday along with his supporters in Bengaluru. He said barring a couple of Congress leaders in the Shivamogga Congress unit, all others have welcomed him into the party. He had quit the BJP and fought the polls on a JDS ticket.

in the I.N.D.I.A alliance. "There was insufficient rainfall this time... Despite this situation, the government suddenly started releasing water to Tamil Nadu for agriculture purpose. The State Government needs to convince the TN government about the current situation and release water for drinking purpose only and not for Kuruva cultivation in Tamil Nadu," she said.

SOCIAL MEDIA POST

BJP leader Rathod detained by cops, let off

ENS @Kalaburagi

BJP leader Manikanth Rathod was taken into custody by the police in Kalaburagi on Wednesday. On Tuesday, Rathod had put up a post on social media accusing the police of not taking action against the culprits involved in the murder of BJP activist Devanand Ramachandra Koraba as they are supporters of RDPR Minister Priyank Kharge. Rathod, who had unsuccessfully contested against Priyank Kharge in the recent Assembly elections from Chittapur, was arrested by the Madbol police from an apartment in Kalaburagi on Wednesday morning.

According to Kalaburagi Additional SP N Srinidhi, Rathod was later let off after interrogation.

According to police sources, Rathod on Tuesday had

posted on Instagram alleging that the police were not arresting the accused involved in BJP activist Devanand Ramachandra Koraba's murder as they were supporters of minister Priyank, who is also MLA from Chittapur. BJP workers, led by Rathod, had planned to stage a protest against the police in Chittapur on Wednesday.

However, he was detained before he left Kalaburagi for Chittapur. However, BJP workers staged the protest. They also staged a demonstration outside the Madbol Police Station in the afternoon demanding Rathod's release.

Rathod had lost to Priyank from Chittapur by a margin of 14,968 votes in the May 10 Assembly elections. Rathod faces several cases against him in Kalaburagi, Yadgir, Vijayapura, Bagalkot and Bidar districts.

TEARS OF JOY AS CHANDRAYAAN-3 MAKES HISTORIC LANDING

Scores of people throng the Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium to witness descent virtually

RISHITA KHANNA @ Bengaluru

SOON after Vikram lander soft landed on the south pole of the Moon, making Chandrayaan-3 a success, the crowd went up in a loud cheer.

Scores of people, including students, senior citizens, and some former ISRO scientists along with their family members, who had gathered at the Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium in Bengaluru, were seen cheering in celebration, congratulating each other. The atmosphere was nothing less than a festival.

A retired ISRO scientist, who was part of the audience at the planetarium on Wednesday, said emotionally, "Remarkable moment for ISRO."

N S Bose Raju, Science and Technology Minister, who was also at the planetarium, watched the soft landing telecasted on the big screen, along with other citizens.

He said to *TNIE*, "The entire nation was looking forward to this historical moment, we are proud of our scientists who made this possible. We are mulling to come up with an action plan to imbibe scientific temperament among students at a young age."

A proud Indian citizen who doesn't wish to name himself. "This day belongs to each one of us. To witness this iconic moment, I took a day off from work. We did it! India did it!" he said. The enthusiastic school students, who had gathered to see the Chandrayaan-3 landing said it was a learning moment.

"Witnessing the Chandrayaan-3 landing on the Moon has heightened my interest in science technology and space exploration. It also highlights



Schoolchildren celebrate the soft landing of the rover part of Chandrayaan-3 on the lunar surface on Wednesday in Hyderabad | VINAY MADAPU

the hope that there is more out there in the Universe. Nothing is impossible to accomplish if we try hard enough," said Sarika, a student from Canadian International School.

Science enthusiasts who had also come in large numbers termed it as a proud and emotional moment. They also look at the achievement as a benchmark for more miles to be achieved. Shalini, a science enthusiast, said, "We cried over the failure of Chandrayaan 2. Now tears of joy flowed upon the success of Chandrayaan-3." She added that they are filled with immense pride for the scientists and the Prime Minister for his unwavering support and dedication. The air across the city, where ISRO headquarters is located, reverberated with the voice of people chanting "East or West, India is the best!"

The tech city also took to social media to post images of success and celebration.

CELEBRATORY TWEETS OF THE DAY

Siddaramaiah, Karnataka CM

The constant efforts and decades of hard work of the country's scientists have paid off today. The successful landing of Chandrayaan-3 Vikram lander on the south pole of the Moon has left the world in awe of the Indian Space Research Organization's achievement. It is a proud moment for every Indian. Congratulations to the scientists of the country for such an extraordinary achievement.

Kiran Mazumdar Shaw, Founder

Biocon Ltd and Biocon Biologics
#Chandrayaan3 propels India further into the cosmos, inspiring the dreams and ambitions of every Indian. This monumental achievement underscores the unwavering commitment of our brilliant scientists. I salute their indomitable spirit and innovative prowess! #Chandrayaan3 #SpaceExploration #IndianPride

HD Deve Gowda - JD(S) leader

I join my fellow Indians in applauding @isro for #Chandrayaan3. ISRO is a world class institution. It has made us proud for decades. Their monumental achievements have put us right at the top of the world. May God bless our nation and our scientists. #Chandrayaan3Landing

DK Shivakumar - Deputy CM

Watching

#Chandrayaan3 making a soft but historic landing on moon's South Pole will forever be etched in my memory! This spectacular achievement has been made possible by the incredible hard work of our brilliant scientists, engineers and technicians at ISRO! Our beloved nation has become the first country to land on Moon's South Pole, which makes this day even more special.

Sen Bill Nelson - NASA administrator

Congratulations @isro on your successful Chandrayaan-3 landing! And congratulations to India on being the 4th country to successfully soft-land a spacecraft on the Moon. We're glad to be your partner on this mission!

AFRICAN SWINE FLU

Poultry, pigs from Kerala banned

SHIVAKUMAR @ Mysuru

CONSIDERING the outbreak of African Swine Fever, a deadly disease that kills animals, reported in the neighbouring state of Kerala, the Karnataka Government has imposed a ban on transporting poultry and pigs from Kerala as a precautionary measure.

The Karnataka Government has deputed the Animal Husbandry department staff at the Bavali and Sulthan Bathery check posts in Mysuru and Chamaraajanagar districts to inspect the vehicles entering the state.

The district administration has directed the surveillance staff to send back the vehicles carrying pigs and poultry to Karnataka fearing the spread of African swine flu among animals. They have also banned piggy activity and sale of pork in D B Kuppe

panchayat.

The department has decided to vaccinate cattle in the panchayat as a preventive measure to protect the cattle. The veterinary officials observed that animals, particularly pigs, with swine fever will have a red nose, pimples on their face, and high fever.

The staff in two shifts are manning the check posts and recording the details of the vehicles and its drivers. They have also put up signboards and sought the cooperation of people across the borders.



EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

EXPRESS READ

ED freezes 2 bank accounts of ex-min

KOCHI: After a 22-hour-long raid, the ED on Wednesday froze two bank accounts of former minister and CPM MLA C Moideen. The action was part of an investigation into money laundering linked to the alleged Rs 100-crore Karuvannur Service Co-operative Bank loan scam.

HC refuses interim relief to Margadarsi

HYDERABAD: Justice C V Bhaskar Reddy of the Telangana High Court on Wednesday declined to grant interim orders in a series of petitions filed by Margadarsi Chit Funds (P) Limited, seeking quashing of cases initiated by the Andhra Pradesh CID.

Construction of NH66 to be stalled

T'PURAM: Construction of the NH-66 stretch from Kazhakkootam in Thiruvananthapuram to Malappuram, spanning 322 km, is likely to be stalled soon owing to acute shortage of soil (red earth) and stones. The shortage of rocks and stones is a direct fallout of Tamil Nadu government's ban on quarries

Mathematician Dr CR Rao dies at 102

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

@Visakhapatnam

RENOWNED mathematician and statistician Dr CR Rao (Calyampudi Radhakrishna Rao) breathed his last Wednesday at the age of 102 years.

Born into a Telugu family in Hadagali, Bellary, Madras Presidency (known as Karnataka), Dr Rao's academic journey began in Gudur, and later studied in Nuzvid, Nandigama, and Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh. He earned a degree in mathematics from Andhra University and pursued statistics at Calcutta Uni-

versity in 1943.

His passion for learning took him to King's College, Cambridge University, where he completed his PhD in 1948 under the guidance of RA Fisher. He was honoured with a DSc degree from Cambridge in 1965. He had received 39 doctorates from 19 countries, presented 477 research papers, and written 15 books. He was presented with the Padma Bhushan in 1968, the Padma Vibhushan in 2001, and the SS Bhatnagar Award.

Dr Rao's also received the International Prize in Statistics, often referred to as the

"Nobel Prize in Statistics."

Following the passing of Dr. CV Rao, Srinivas Rao, Principal at AUCST, fondly recollected his deep connection with the esteemed figure and characterized Dr Rao as remarkably unassuming, humble, and an ardent encourager of students.

Srinivas Rao conveyed his contentment that Dr. Rao's legacy included significant contributions such as a Rs 1 lakh donation in 1982, establishing the C V Naidu Gold Medal awarded to the top-ranking M.Sc. Statistics student annually.

FORM NO. 14
(See Regulation 33(2))

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE, DEPT. OF FINANCIAL SERVICES,
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - 2
BENGALURU
BSNL Building, 4th Floor, Telephone
House, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru - 560001

TRC NO: 453/2018

Punjab National Bank
(Erstwhile United Bank of India)

No. 100, Electronic City Branch, Bengaluru - 560 100

Represented by its Chief Manager

Sri. Rajanna

Certificate Holder

Versus

Sri Somashekar M & Others

Defendants

DEMAND NOTICE

1. Sri. Somashekar M,

S/o Sri Mahadevappa

No. 2915, 2nd Floor, 14th Cross, BSK

2nd Stage, Bengaluru - 560 070.

2. Sri Amarnath,

S/o Shivarama Reddy,

No. 144/A, West Side Panthar,

Bangalore - 560 087.

3. Sri N Narayana Reddy,

S/o Late Nanjunda Reddy,

House No. 3, Chandapura Village,

Athibelle Hobli, Anekal Taluk,

Bangalore - 560 081.

4. Sri C.N. Shanthakumar,

S/o M Narayana Reddy,

Hotel Keerthana International

100/1 Chandapura, Anekal Taluk,

Bangalore - 560 081

Defendants

In view of the Recovery Certificate

issued in TA: 2196/2017(OA NO.1

1037/2016) passed by Presiding Officer,

DRT, Bangalore an amount of Rs.

42,03,395/- (Rupees Forty Two Lakhs

Three Thousand Three Hundred

Ninety Five Only) is due against you

along with interest and costs from date of

filing of O.A.s till realization of the

Recovery Certificate.

In addition to the sum aforesaid you will

be liable to pay all charges and expenses

incurred in respect of the service of this

notice and other process that may be

taken for recovering the amount due.

You are hereby called upon to deposit the

amount within 15 days of the receipt of

this notice, failing which the recovery

shall be made as per rules.

Given under my hand and seal of the

Tribunal on 23rd day of July 2018.

Sd/-

Recovery Officer-I

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-2

BANGALORE

FORM NO. 14
(See Regulation 33(2))

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - 1
BENGALURU
BSNL Building, 4th Floor, Telephone
House, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru - 560001

TRC NO: 1215/18

Punjab National Bank
(Erstwhile United Bank of India)

No. 144/A, West Side Panthar,

Bangalore - 560 081.

Represented by its Chief Manager

Sri. Rajanna

Certificate Holder

Versus

M/s. Kalapriya Enterprises

Certificate Debtors

DEMAND NOTICE

To,

M/s. Kalapriya Enterprises,

(Also referred to as

M/s. Kalapriya Flower Decorators)

Represented by its Sole Proprietor:

Mr. Prakash. R

S/o. Mr. Rathnappamodaliyara,

No. 719, (Basement), 2nd Stage,

Modi Hospital Road, West of Chord

Road, Bengaluru - 560 086.

Also at: No. 716-B, 3rd Main Road,

1st Phase, Manjunath Nagar,

Rajajinagar, Bengaluru - 560 010.

In view of the Recovery Certificate

issued in OA No. 189/2016 passed by the

Hon'ble Presiding Officer, DRT,

Bangalore on 22/07/2017 an amount of

Rs. 23,41,226.78/- (Rupees Twenty

Three Lakhs Forty One Thousand

Two Hundred Twenty Six and Paise

Seventy Eight Only) is due against you

along with interest and costs from date of

filing of O.A.s till realization.

You are hereby called upon to deposit the

above sum within 15 days of the receipt

of the notice, failing which the recovery

shall be made as per rules.

In addition to the sum aforesaid you will

be liable to pay:

(a) Such interest as is payable for the

period commencing immediately after

this notice of the execution proceedings.

(b) All costs, charges and expenses

incurred in respect of the service of this

notice and other process that may be

taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and seal of the

Tribunal on 07th day of November,

2019.

Sd/-

Recovery Officer-II

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1

BENGALURU

FORM NO. 14
(See Regulation 33(2))

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - 2
BENGALURU
BSNL Building, 4th Floor, Telephone
House, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru - 560001

TRC NO: 447/2018

Punjab National Bank
(Erstwhile Oriental Bank of Commerce)

No.21/15, M.G. Road, Bangalore 560 001.

Represented by its Chief Manager

Sri. Rajanna

Certificate Holder

Versus

Sri Lakshmi Foods & others

Defendants

DEMAND NOTICE

1. Sri Lakshmi foods,

No.91/2, Subbanna Industrial Estate,

Behind Azad Group,

Garudacharpalya, Mahadevapura,

White Field, Bangalore 560 048.

2. Sri L. Sundra Murthy,

S/o Vajravelu Loganathan,

C/o No. 91/2, Subbanna Industrial

Estate, Behind Azad Group,

Garudacharpalya, Mahadevapura,

White Field, Bangalore 560 048.

3. Sri L. Udaya Kumar,

S/o Vajravelu Loganathan,

C/o No. 91/2, Subbanna Industrial

Estate, Behind Azad Group,

Garudacharpalya, Mahadevapura,

White Field, Bangalore 560 048.

Defendants

In view of the Recovery Certificate

issued in TA No. 1457/2017(OA NO.

1115/2014) passed by Presiding Officer,

DRT, Bangalore an amount of Rs.

13,34,778/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakhs

Thirty Four Thousand Seven

Hundred Seventy Eight Only) is due

against you along with interest and costs

from date of filing of O.A.s till

realization of the Recovery Certificate.

In addition to the sum aforesaid you will

be liable to pay all charges and expenses

incurred in respect of the service of this

notice and other process that may be

taken for recovering the amount due.

You are hereby called upon to deposit the

amount within 15 days of the receipt of

this notice, failing which the recovery

shall be made as per rules.

Given under my hand and seal of the

Tribunal on 02nd day of November

2018.

Sd/-

Recovery Officer-I

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II

BANGALORE

FORM NO. 14
(See Regulation 33(2))

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - 2
BENGALURU
BSNL Building, 4th Floor, Telephone
House, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru - 560001

TRC NO: 1158 / 2018

Punjab National Bank
(Erstwhile United Bank Of India)

Branch Office at No.100,

Electronic City, Bangalore-560 100

Represented by its Chief Manager

Sri. Rajanna

Certificate Holder

Versus

Sri K. Puttaraju & others

Defendants

DEMAND NOTICE

1. Sri K. Puttaraju, S/o Krishnappa

No.1080/3, Beerseshwara Nagar,

Bangalore South-560 100

Also at

No.83, Kannan Building,

Near Vasavi Temple, Balaji Layout,

Bangalore South-560 064

2. Smt. Revathi P.

Yard Layout, Yeshwanthapur,

Industrial Suburb, Bangalore-560 022

3. Sri N. Narayana Reddy,

S/o Late Nanjunda Reddy,

House No.3, Chandapura Village,

Athibelle Hobli, Anekal Taluk,

Bangalore-560 081.

Defendants



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BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Chief Commissioner,
Annex Building-1, BBMP Head Office, N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 560002.
No: BBMP/C.Comm/PSR(G)/1259/2023-24 **FORM - I** Date: 21-08-2023

NOTIFICATION {Under Sec 14B (4) (i)}

In exercise of powers conferred under section 14-B (4) of the Karnataka Town and Country Planning Act 1961 the following 'Area' mentioned in the schedule below is required by **The Chief Commissioner, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike for Widening of Horamavu to Kalkere Road - Outer Ring Road (Banaswadi Bridge) to Dr. Rajkumar Circle (Phase-I) - for implementing the proposals of the Approved Master Plan for the width of 24.00 mtrs.** It is hereby informed to the land owners and interested persons whose lands are required for the public purpose, to appear and submit their claims along with the copies of the relevant documents viz, (i) Sale / Partition / Other deeds of title, (ii) Up-to-date RTC's (iii) Mutation Copy (iv) Tax paid receipts (v) Conversion order of Non agriculture purpose (vi) Revenue sketch (vii) Akar band etc., in person in the place within thirty days from the date of publication of this notification as indicated in the address below and state their respective interest in such land.

The place where land owners / interested persons have to appear and submit their claims	Name and address of the Divisional / Sub Divisional / Branch Offices	Date and Time
The Deputy Commissioner (LAQ & TDR) Room No: 208, 2nd Floor, Annex Building-3, N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 560002.	Executive Engineer Road Infrastructure K.R. Puram Division, BBMP	30 days from the date of Notification. Time: 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM

The land owners / interested parties of the scheduled properties whose lands are to be acquired shall give the consent for Grant of Development Rights to the Chief Commissioner, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike. The land owners shall receive twice the area of land surrendered in lieu of monetary compensation as DR (Notional Land) and two time the building area surrendered as estimated by the value of the building area surrendered divided by the Market value of the land on which the building is constructed. The Notional land can be utilized by factorizing with the market value at the originating plot and receiving plot. The Notional land is eligible for FAR and can be used as additional built up area at the receiving plot as per the terms and conditions prescribed in the Benefit of Development Rights Rules, 2016.

The public is hereby informed about the details of the land and land owners and interested persons whose lands are required for the public purpose and Development Right Certificate (DRCs) are to be issued in lieu of monetary compensation. Any objections and suggestions are to be addressed to the Special Land Acquisition Officer, O/o the Deputy Commissioner (LAQ and TDR), BBMP within thirty days from the date of publication of this Notification.

SCHEDULE

“Acquisition of Land required for Widening of Horamavu to Kalkere Road (Outer Ring Road (Banaswadi Bridge) to Dr. Rajkumar Circle) (Phase-I)”
for implementing the proposals of the Approved Master Plan for the width of 24.00 mtrs.

Name of the District: **Bengaluru Urban**

Name of the Taluk: **Bengaluru East**

Name of the Village: **Horamavu Village**

Sl. No.	Sy.No/ Khatha No.	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Dimension of the Land/ Plot & Extent in Sq.m	Boundaries of the Land / Plot	Building Details	Present Activity on Land/ Building (Specify Specific activity such as Shop, Office, Factory, Apartment, Individual House etc.,	Market (guidelines) value of the land Per Sq.m (in Rs.)	Name and address of the owner of the Plot / Land for which DRC is to be issued / already issued.
		Vacant Built up Agriculture Converted undeveloped Approved Layout / Developed Land Building Site		Dimension Extent	North South East West	Extent in Sq.m Type of Construction & No. of Floors Floor Area Ratio		Agriculture / B-Khatha Converted Undeveloped A Khatha, Developed Site	
1	Sy. No. 75	-	-	1516.84 Sqm	Remaining portion of Sy. No: 75	Remaining portion of Sy. No: 75	Sy.No: 77 & 74/2	Sy. No: 28/1	Commissioner, BBMP Vide: LF/DRC No. 98/002944 LF/DRC No. 98/002945 LF/DRC No. 98/002946
2	Sy. No. 74/2	-	-	578.54 Sqm	Sy. No: 77	Remaining portion of Sy. No: 74/2	Sy.No: 74/1 & 74/3	Sy. No: 75	Commissioner, BBMP Vide: LF/DRC No. 15/00722 LF/DRC No. 15/00723
3	Sy. No. 77	-	-	1588.33 Sqm	Remaining portion of Sy. No: 77	Sy.No:74/2 & Remaining portion of Sy. No: 77	Sy. No: 78	Sy. No: 75	Commissioner, BBMP Vide: LF/DRC No. 87/002651 LF/DRC No. 79/002468 LF/DRC No. 97/002908 LF/DRC No. 97/002909
4	Sy. No. 74/1	-	-	685.59 Sqm	Sy. No: 78	Remaining portion of Sy. No: 74/1	Sy. No: 79/1	Sy. No: 77	Commissioner, BBMP Vide: LF/DRC No. 97/002901 LF/DRC No. 97/002903
5	Sy. No. 49/1	-	-	1623.49 Sqm	Remaining portion of Sy. No: 79/1	Remaining portion of Sy. No: 79/1	Sy. No: 80	Sy. No: 78 & 74/1	Commissioner, BBMP Vide: BDA/TDR/DRC/022/ 18-19
6	Sy. No. 78/1	-	-	851.84 Sqm	Remaining portion of Sy. No: 78	Remaining portion of Sy. No: 74/1	Sy. No: 79/1	Sy. No: 77	I F A S D A Sunshine Home and School
7	Sy. No. 80/1.2	-	-	534.66 Sqm	Sy. No: 507	Remaining portion of Sy. No: 80	Sy. No: 506	Sy. No: 79/1	1. D. Muniraju 2. D. Pillappa 3. B.S. Sridhar S/o. Lt. B.N. Srinivasa 4. D. Kempanna 5. Devaraju S/o, Doddamuddappa 6. M. Sonnappa S/o. Madappa
Name of the District: Bengaluru Urban Name of the Taluk: Bengaluru East Name of the Village: Kalkere Village									
8	Sy. No. 507	-	-	1424.00 Sqm	Remaining portion of Sy. No: 507	Sy. No: 80 & 506	Sy. No: 509/2	Sy. No: 79/1	M/s. India Financial Association of 7th Day Adventist.
9	Sy. No. 506	-	-	706.99 Sqm	Remaining portion of Sy. No: 506	Remaining portion of Sy. No: 506	Remaining portion of Sy. No: 506	Sy. No: 80	Commissioner, BBMP Vide: BDA/TDR/DRC/041/ 19-20
10	Sy. No. 509/2	-	-	130.29 Sqm	Remaining portion of Sy. No: 509/2	Remaining portion of Sy. No: 509/2	Sy. No: 509/1	Sy. No: 507	M. Muniraju S/o. Doddamadappa
11	Sy. No. 509/1	-	-	463.19 Sqm	Remaining portion of Sy. No: 509/1	Sy. No: 506	Sy. No: 510/1	Sy. No: 509/2	1. M. Shanmugam S/o. Munishami 2. Gundappa S/o. Lt. Munihanumaiah 3. Seenappa S/o. Lt. Munihanumaiah

12	Sy. No. 510/1	-	-	400.09 Sqm	Remaining portion of Sy. No: 510/1	Remaining portion of Sy. No: 510/1	Sy. No: 510/2	Sy. No: 509/1	1. Gundappa S/o. Lt. Munihanumaiah 2. Seenappa S/o. Lt. Munihanumaiah
13	Sy. No. 510/2	-	-	683.50 Sqm	Remaining portion of Sy. No: 510/2	Remaining portion of Sy. No: 510/2	Sy. No: 502	Sy. No: 510/1	M. Muniraju S/o. Doddamadappa
14	Sy. No. 502/2	-	-	1446.74 Sqm	Remaining portion of Sy. No: 502/2	Remaining portion of Sy. No: 502/2	Sy. No: 501	Sy. No: 510/2	Commissioner, BBMP Vide: LF/DRC No. 86/002627
15	Sy. No. 501	-	-	571.33 Sqm	Remaining portion of Sy. No: 501	Remaining portion of Sy. No: 501	Sy. No: 500	Sy. No: 502/1	Commissioner, BBMP Vide: BDA/TDR/DRC/026/ 18-19
16	Sy. No. 500	-	-	557.79 Sqm	Remaining portion of Sy. No: 500	Remaining portion of Sy. No: 500	Sy. No: 498	Sy. No: 501	Commissioner, BBMP Vide: BDA/TDR/DRC/023/ 18-19
17	Sy. No. 498	-	-	1120.11 Sqm	Remaining portion of Sy. No: 498	Remaining portion of Sy. No: 498	Sy. No: 497/1	Sy. No: 500	Commissioner, BBMP Vide: BDA/TDR/DRC/024/ 18-19 & BBMP L.F/DRC 100/002988 L.F/DRC 111/003271
18	Sy. No. 497/2	-	-	268.47 Sqm	Remaining portion of Sy. No: 497/2	Remaining portion of Sy. No: 497/2	Sy. No: 497/3	Sy. No: 497/1	Muddappa S/o. Lt. Nadubeedi Kempalakkaiah
19	Sy. No. 497/3	-	-	248.77 Sqm	Remaining portion of Sy. No: 497/3	Remaining portion of Sy. No: 497/3	Sy. No: 496	Sy. No: 497/2	Lakkappa S/o. Lt. Nadubeedi Kempalakkaiah
20	Sy. No. 497/1	-	-	518.69 Sqm	Remaining portion of Sy. No: 497/1	Remaining portion of Sy. No: 497/1	Sy. No: 497/2	Sy. No: 498	Pillamadappa S/o. Nadubeedi Hanumaiah
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LAW MUST RECOGNISE WOMEN'S DIGNITY TO BE EFFECTIVE

The right of every woman to make reproductive choices without undue interference from the State is central to the idea of human dignity," the Supreme Court of India said in a recent order. What ought to have gone without saying had to be emphasised as a woman over 25 weeks pregnant was not only denied her plea to terminate the pregnancy by the Gujarat High Court but had to wait 12 crucial days to find out the court's verdict. The SC, however, handled the case with due haste, ordering a review by a medical board and eventually passing an order that allowed the woman, by then 27 weeks pregnant, to terminate the pregnancy. The apex court rightly questioned the HC for its inordinate delay in deciding the matter and then producing a "clarificatory" order after the SC had taken up the case. The SC pointed out that the HC gave no reason to dismiss the woman's petition.

In comparison to the United States of America, India's abortion laws certainly seem progressive. However, in practice, the medical fraternity, the judiciary and society at large create as many barriers as the law would in American states to prevent a person from accessing an abortion legally and safely. In the Gujarat case, the woman had allegedly been raped under the false promise of marriage. The trauma inherent in violating her bodily integrity is worsened when society and the State expect her to bring to term a life created in the course of the violation.

The Gujarat HC reportedly adjourned the case, awaiting a response from the woman as to whether she would be willing to have the baby and give it up for adoption. The SC rightly questioned how "unjust conditions could be perpetuated by forcing a rape survivor to undergo pregnancy". The answer is that too many people view the issue through a moral—the morality being their own—lens that considers a woman's right over her body as subordinate to the gendered expectations of her body and its role in society. Laws are only the beginning. In a patriarchal society, a law that upholds the dignity of a woman, her right over her body and her life is only as good as its implementation. The judiciary and medical professionals must be educated that morals are personal and cannot be imposed on another.

JOINT EFFORTS A MUST TO NAB EXAM RACKETEERS

Raising major concerns about the credibility of selection procedures of prestigious national institutes, the Kerala police arrested six people from Haryana for cheating in the recruitment exam conducted by the Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC) in Thiruvananthapuram on Sunday. The Kerala police acted on a tip-off from their Haryana counterparts. The accused were impersonators, writing the exam on behalf of job aspirants. According to the police, they are part of a racket and have organised similar operations for several other national exams.

As many as 20,000 candidates applied for the examination, which was held to select recruits for three technical posts at the VSSC. Of them, 469 were from Haryana. The impersonators, according to the police, used advanced technology and sophisticated equipment to commit the fraud. They reportedly procured 'exam cheating kits' online and captured images of question papers using mobile phone cameras that were discreetly attached to their belts. They positioned the question paper directly in front of the camera, relaying the video feed to somebody at an undisclosed location. After analysing the questions, a team of 'subject experts' would relay the answers back, which the impersonators would receive through concealed bluetooth earphones. These subject experts, too, according to the police, have received massive amounts for partaking in the racket.

This is not the first time that such a job scam has happened. The allure of a secure government job makes people go to any extent to snag one. This desperation encourages racketeers to organise multi-level operations involving high-precision jobs, including procuring electronic gadgets, arranging imposters and subject experts, and then finding job aspirants who are willing to pay huge amounts and don't mind being part of the fraud if it lands them a government job. Such rackets abound in several states and are often interconnected. The state governments and Central agencies must join hands in busting them. If not for the timely alert from the Haryana police, the Kerala police would not have been able to smash the racket. Such coordinated efforts are the need of the hour if the credibility of the selection processes of esteemed national institutions is to remain unscathed.

QUICK TAKE

ANATOMY AND PROGRESS

The Rajasthan high court denounces taking chest measurements to test the lung capacity of women applying for the posts of forest guards. "Especially" for women, the criterion is "outrageous" and violates dignity and privacy rights, the court says. It correctly questions the criterion's choice—superior alternatives like spirometry, plethysmography or gas diffusion test exist. But the court's remark that the measure is a "humiliation" for women needs debating. As women break glass ceilings, should stereotyping of their anatomy hinder their progress? One can't hold anatomy against them. The contours of chests differentiate between sexes, but don't impair women from undertaking physical challenges.

In a constitutional democracy, institutions and the individuals who run them are important. But when the institutions are captured or discredited for the sake of maintaining or strengthening the executive's power, it poses a serious threat to the constitutional tenets. The executive, in a way, is the most 'dangerous' branch of the State, and therefore, it is essential to check its excesses through constitutionally permitted means.

We are once again in an era where the executive and Parliament are trying to substantially annul the directives of the Supreme Court. The Delhi Ordinance on the transfer and posting of government employees, which is now becoming a statutory law, is an example. Another example is the Centre's move to re-introduce the offence of sedition—which the SC almost suspended last year—by adding a different terminology in the 'Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita'. But the most disturbing legislative move is the Centre's attempt to invalidate the Supreme Court's verdict on the committee to be constituted for appointment of the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) and Election Commissioners (ECs). The Court issued the directives on May 2 this year, in *Anoop Baranwal v. Union of India*.

Let us look at what the Supreme Court did in *Anoop Baranwal*. The Court dealt with Article 324(2) of the Constitution, which says that the appointment of the CEC and ECs shall be made by the president, "subject to the provisions of any law made in that behalf by Parliament". Parliament did not make any law in this regard. Thus, the appointment of the CEC and the ECs continued to be the prerogative of the executive. It enabled the government to install its own people at the helm of affairs to conduct elections.

It was contended before the Court, relying on several documents including the Law Commission Report, that an independent Election Commission is possible only if its members are selected by an independent body where the government does not have power over. In a rare instance of judicial activism, the top court said that unless a law in this regard is made by Parliament, a committee consisting of the prime minister, the leader of the opposition (or the leader of the largest party in the opposition) in the Lok Sabha, and the Chief Justice of India should choose the umpires of India's elections.

Regarding the selection committee, the Centre might say the Court made only an ad-hoc arrangement till the law is made, and that with the new law in the making, the di-

The regime at the Centre has shown its obstinacy to institute a weak poll panel. Ultimately, the SC may have to decide on the constitutionality of the new law once it is enacted

IN DEMOCRACY, FAIR ELECTIONS NEED FAIR UMPIRES

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rectives could turn redundant. To expose the folly of this argument, one needs to understand the spirit of the judgment in *Anoop Baranwal*.

The judgment was not merely in line with the requirement to have 'some law' made by Parliament to appoint the CEC and ECs. The Court said that "The founding fathers (of the Constitution) clearly contemplated a law by Parliament and did not intend the executive exclusively calling the shots in the matter of appointments to the Election Commission. ... A law could not be one to perpetuate what is already permitted, namely appointment at the absolute and sole discretion of the executive."

The Court had analysed the Constituent

Assembly debates on the issue almost in their entirety to reach this conclusion. The Court further held that "a pliable Election Commission, an unfair and biased overseer of the foundational exercise of adult franchise, which lies at the heart of democracy who obliges the powers that be, perhaps offers the surest gateway to acquisition and retention of power."

The present move of the Centre clearly negates the spirit of the verdict in *Anoop Baranwal*. It proposes a law where the ruling dispensation will have the ultimate say on the choice of the CEC and ECs. As per Section 7 of the new bill, the three-member selection committee will be headed by the prime minister, and the other two members

DEATH BY RAGGING: A LONG GLOBAL HISTORY OF VIOLENCE

This month, India's worst case of homicidal ragging, that of Swapnadeep Kundu, at Bengal's famous Jadavpur University, is forcing us all to introspect about studentry and power. The meaning of the word 'ragging' is threefold:

First, it means to make fun of someone rumbustiously. Second, it means to upbraid someone without restraint. And, third, it means to "draw attention facetiously and persistently" to someone's alleged shortcomings. In its original sense, by 1739, 'to rag' meant 'to scold, chide'. By 1807, the word 'bullyrag', meaning 'to intimidate', had come into play; by the following year, it had become studentry slang, meaning to 'annoy, tease, harass roughly'.

What took hold in the West was a plesionym of ragging, a less offensive term: hazing, a celebratory rite of passage into fraternity since the founding of Plato's Academy in 387 BCE. Called 'pennalism', it meant 'a system of mild oppression and torment practised upon first-year students'.

In 18th-century Europe, student guilds came up, with all the perks of swaggering seniorism. Meanwhile, in the US, in 1684, a student was expelled for violence and vassalage. The world's first death from ragging was documented in 1873 in New York City.

The history of military hazing is long, multigeographic, and across cultures. Ragging, which is today an almost exclusively civilian phenomenon, has military origins. While some institutions of higher learning have damped it, it continues unabated in nearly all military academies under the stern rubric of 'toughening up'.

But the history of ragging truly takes off only after World War I. Following the armistice, millions of the surviving soldiery entered college (some to make splendid post-bellum careers for themselves as technicians, scientists, writers and poets), and brought their traditions and traumas with them.

The 20th-century World Wars might have been fought mostly in Europe, but the soldiers were funnelled in from all the colonies. In much of South Asia, the act of gateway bullying, both in the military and academia, didn't exist prior to the decolonising fall of dominoes in the mid-century. Demobilised Sri Lankan troops, back from the killing fields of World War II, entered the higher education system, bringing with them the methodology of military-style hazing learnt abroad. The Sri Lankan college system today is riddled with ragging, with deaths even more numerous than in India. Given that Sri Lanka has 1,00,000 tertiary educa-

tion students compared to India's 35 million, this fact speaks to its epidemicity.

But ragging didn't infiltrate India through its southern neighbour. Most of India's demobbed wartime soldiers returned not to a collegiate life but to their meagre landholdings, and taught the next generation of soldiery their traditions, including the *ritus transitus* hazing of their White counterparts.

Meanwhile, in the 1960s and 1970s, Indian academia was overrun by waves of inculturation from the US. American student comportment sidled in through chinks in the fortress of State protectionism (which, when it fell in the early-1990s and gave way to liberalisation, allowed in a stormfront of



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cultural inspiration, including an uptick in copycat ragging).

A 2015 study by JNU, *Psychosocial Study of Ragging in Selected Educational Institutions in India*, found that nearly 60% of students were targeted by raggers, and that, going by "rough estimates, from reports in English media alone, there are more than 10 deaths, 40-50 cases of serious injuries leading to hospitalisation, several cases of rioting in colleges due to ragging every year".

This month, a UGC response to an RTI query was telling: over the past five and a half years, at least 25 students died by suicide after ragging. The UGC's anti-ragging cell reported that in 10 years (2013-22), 832

complaints of ragging were recorded in Uttar Pradesh, followed by 666 in Madhya Pradesh. Two states alone. The aforementioned JNU report believes that stats like these represent "the tip of an iceberg".

Today, military ragging in India has a name that is widespread through the ranks: ragda (which translates, variously, as friction, attrition, scouring, grinding in a pestle). It is, essentially, corporal punishment of conscripts and cadets—overseen institutionally by so-called squadron traditions and applied covertly by younger officer-instructors on loose leashes in the chain of command.

The fallout of sadistic punishment has been terrible: 1,256 cadets quit the National Defence Academy (NDA) from January 2008 to November 2017, mostly because of unapproved, even illegal, punishment. In 2016, the Indian Military Academy (IMA) demoted 16 of its under-training cadets for ragging. According to a report in 2015, the inordinate harshness of seniors cost the NDA an unprecedented 40 cadets from its 127th course (2011-14)—the previous dropout average per year being 12. In 2018, a paper jointly prepared by the Integrated Defence Staff Headquarters and the National Defence Academy revealed that the dropout rate was 16-20% each year.

After Independence, the Indian youth has been instilled with two ambitions: either to gather as many higher education qualifications as possible, or join the military (or both). Both realms of social mobility and livelihood have been infected by one of the worst traditions of colonialism: pitiless superiority. Of course, it's not about teaching, hardening up in the interests of national or corps duty, or building character. As complex a phenomenon as it is, with intersectional motivations such as "colour, race, religion, caste, ethnicity, gender (including transgender), sexual orientation, appearance, nationality, regional origins, linguistic identity, place of birth, place of residence or economic background" (UGC), the punishment for maximal ragging is paltry: a maximum of two years of imprisonment and/or a maximum fine of ₹10,000. I could find no data on a single student or senior cadet who has faced the full rap.

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There will be obstacles. There will be doubters. There will be mistakes. But with hard work, there are no limits

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will be a Union cabinet minister and the leader of opposition in the Lok Sabha. The Union minister will be nominated by the PM. The presence of the leader of opposition is, therefore, only formal and is practically of no impact. It will be essentially a system where the PM chooses the CEC and ECs. The zone of consideration will be limited to officers who currently serve the government or have acted as secretary to the Government of India or have held equivalent posts. A panel headed by the Union cabinet secretary will carry out the initial screening and the names of the shortlisted candidates will be sent to the committee headed by the PM. Section 8(1) of the bill says that the selection committee can regulate its own procedure. According to Section 8(2), even a person who is not shortlisted by the panel can be appointed. Thus, arbitrariness is not only inbuilt but also facilitated by the provisions.

This is exactly the situation which the Court wanted to prevent in *Anoop Baranwal*. The regime at the Centre has shown its obstinacy to institute a weak poll panel of its choice. Ultimately, the Supreme Court may have to decide on the constitutionality of the new law once it is enacted.

The top court has a mixed track record in ensuring the structural and functional independence of the 'fourth branch' institutions. The conventional idea of conceptualising the State vis-a-vis the trinity comprising the executive, legislature and the judiciary is no longer a sound principle in terms of modern constitutionalism. The fourth branch essentially comprises multiple establishments including the Enforcement Directorate, the Comptroller and Auditor General of India, the Central Vigilance Commission, and of course, the Election Commission, among others. If these agencies act as instructed by the Centre, the system turns to be an autocracy under the label of democracy.

It is nobody's case that the inclusion of the CJI in the selection committee will in itself ensure the functional autonomy of the Election Commission. Yet, the SC judgment was a step to prevent the possible arbitrariness in the process of appointing the CEC and ECs. It is high time that the structural and functional independence of the fourth branch is taken seriously by the SC. The appointments to these institutions as well as their running should be insulated from the executive's onslaught. That requires a great deal of judicial assertion, imagination and statesmanship.

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Ethics needed

Ref: A plea for ethics to re-enter the realm of politics (Aug 23) poignantly captures the growing disconnect between politics and ethics in India. PM Modi's response to the Manipur crisis, viewed through a cold strategic lens, highlights this trend. Shiv Visvanathan's piece serves as a timely reminder that ethical considerations should not be mere footnotes but central to our governance. **Abhinav A, email**

Mishra's role

Ref: New oversight body coming for ED and CBI (Aug 23). The Central government's intentions behind creating the post of Chief Investigation Officer just to accommodate outgoing ED chief Sanjay Mishra is not acceptable in many ways. The government must think of the crores of people in India searching for jobs apart from Mishra. **P Victor Selvaraj, Tirunelveli**

Telangana games

Ref: KCR refuses to bite anti-incumbency bait, retains sitting MLAs (Aug 23). KCR is reputed for his unusual strategies and unpredictable moves. And the latest move has created commotion in the political circle. Congress is banking on using the narrative of KCR's failed promises and the palpable anti-incumbency. The BJP will use its Modi magic and Hindutva. **Haribandhu Panigrahi, Tarbha**

KCR's strategy

KCR's unique strategy is a backlash for Telangana's opposition. We should wait and see if KCR can complete a hat-trick. Meanwhile, if Congress plays its cards well and uses the anti-incumbency to its advantage, it can easily hit the jackpot. **Jaseem, Ummathur**

Congress' comeback

Apropos of Operation Haste: Cong playing the BJP card (Aug 23). The Congress is giving a fitting reply to BJP in Karnataka. The Congress is obviously buoyant after its victory but it should not assume that 2024 is going to be a cakewalk to achieve the targeted 20 seats. Voters tend to vote differently in state and general elections. **Bal Govind, Noida**

Manipur unrest

Ref: Blockade by Kuki body back on ZNHs in Manipur (Aug 22). This must be viewed as yet another mindless move by the Kukis to create unrest in Manipur just as the state is limping back to normalcy. This necessitates tough and determined action by the Central forces. The Kukis are placing mobs of women as human shields against the security personnel, and the latter is clueless how to tackle the situation. **KV Raghuram, Wayanad**

PM ATTRIBUTES CHANDRAYAAN SUCCESS TO 140 CRORE INDIANS

Moon mission is based on human-centric approach, says Modi

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VISIBLY elated after the successful soft landing of Chandrayaan-3 on the south pole of the moon on Wednesday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, "India is now on the moon! And this historic success belongs to 140-crore Indians and all humanity." Joining this moment from Johannesburg in South Africa, where he is to attend the BRICS, and addressing the ISRO scientists, PM Modi said the successful historic landing of Chandrayaan-3 has come as the dawn of new India.

"Hamne dharti par sankalp kiya aur chand per usse saakaar kiya" (We took a resolve on the earth and accomplished it on the moon), Modi said, adding that as no other country has reached the south pole of the moon before, India has become the first country to do so.

"Bravo to our scientists, as with their hard work India is now on the moon. Our successful Mission Moon is not only meant for India but for all humanity," the PM remarked.

Elated at the success that defined India as one of the superpowers in space, the PM said, "This is a year in which the world is witnessing India's G20 presidency. Our approach of 'One Earth, One Family and One Future' is resonating across the globe."

He said India's Moon Mission is based on a human-centric approach. "Therefore, this success belongs to all of humanity. I am confident that all countries in the world, including those from the Global South, are capable of achieving such feats. We can all aspire for the moon and beyond," he asserted. He said India's successful landing of Chandrayaan-3 will change many myths related to the moon here onwards.



ISRO chief Somanath and scientists watch live telecast of the Chandrayaan-3 lander's soft-landing on Moon's South Pole, at the Mission Control Complex in Bengaluru

"The story will change. The proverbs will also change for the new generation. In India, we all call the earth as mother and the moon as 'mama' (maternal uncle). It was once said that 'chanda mama' is very far away but now children will say that 'chanda mama' is just a tour," the PM said.

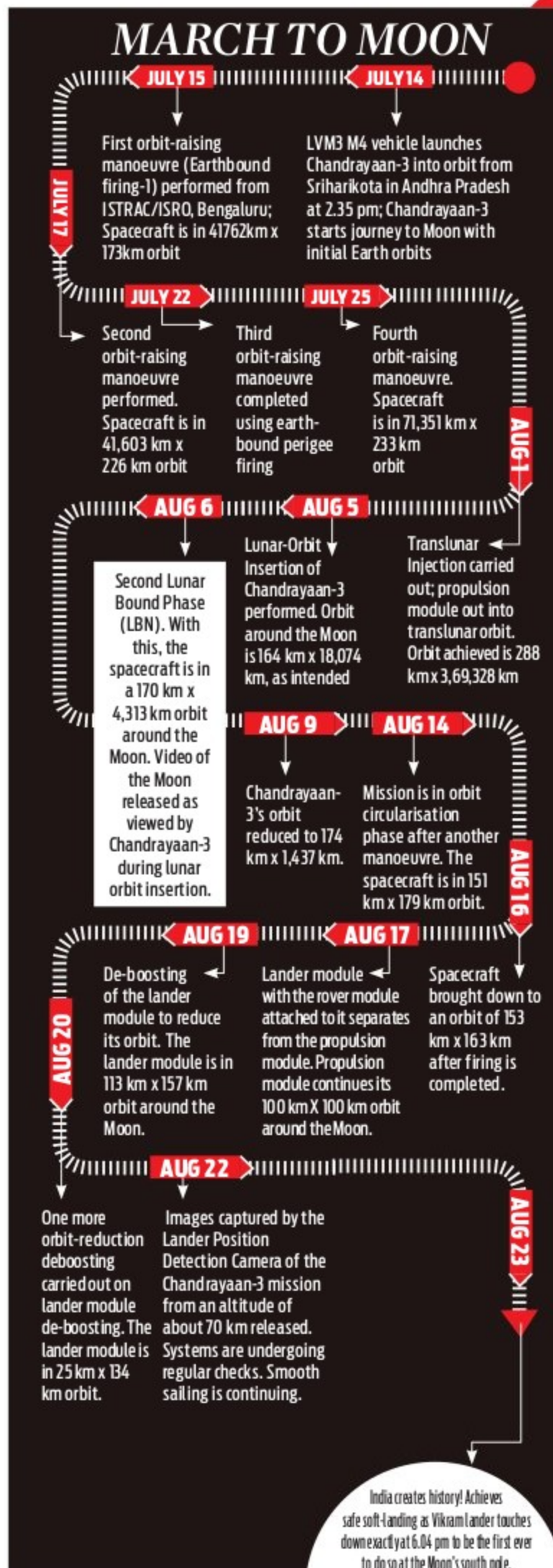
Dedicating the moment to the nation, he said this is a capability of 140 crore heartbeats of India and in the first light of 'Amrit Kaal, the first 'Amrit Varsha' of success. Defining the success as the eternal consciousness of a nation, the PM said the moment has given a clarion call of 'Viksit Bharat' as a victory call for India. It has moved India on the 'chandrath' of victory and has come for invoking the rising fortune of India," he said.

Exuding confidence, the PM said the historic success of Chandrayaan-3 mission will take India's flight beyond the

lunar orbits. "We will test the limits of our solar system, and work to realise the infinite possibilities of the universe for humans," the PM said, informing the nation that ISRO will soon launch the 'Aditya L-1' mission for a detailed study of the Sun (Solar system).

Congratulating the scientists, he said India has again proved that the sky is not the limit. "We are witness to the new flight of new India. New history has been written," the PM said.

He also dwelt upon India gearing up for its first human-crewed space flight mission in the near future. He said science and technology is the basis of the bright future of the country. "This day also signifies how victory is achieved from the lesson of defeat," the PM said referring to the preceding Chandrayaan-2 mission which failed to make a soft-landing in September 2019.



"Discovery of water (abundance) near the polar regions of the Moon by Chandrayaan-1 mission has spurred many countries 'back to the Moon', all targeting the regions around South Pole of the Moon. Now with the soft landing of Chandrayaan-3 lander, I foresee international lunar exploration programs may further get accelerated. Instead of Cold War that was the underlying factor for the lunar missions of 60s and 70s, let the present new millennium rush to the Moon to mark a peaceful co-existence of all stakeholders on the Moon for the betterment of humanity."

— **Myswamy Annadurai**, former director, ISRO Satellite Centre, popularly known as 'Moon Man of India' for Chandrayaan-1 and 2 and Mangalyaan

So exciting and gratifying to see the successful landing of Chandrayaan-3; history is surely created for 'Naya Bharat' (modern India). Hearty congratulations to Team ISRO - the scientists tirelessly worked day and night and, not to forget, through the pandemic, risking their own lives to certain extent. Congratulations to one and all from the academia and industry as well, who were equally passionate for this mission and stood as pillars of support for ISRO. A new India has arrived. The next target would be going to Mars, Venus and beyond... the immediate next, however, is the Sun God after the Moon God. All the best to the entire team for the upcoming Aditya L1 mission, to be launched very soon."

— **Dr Radhakant Padhi**, HAL Chair Professor, Department of Aerospace Engineering, Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru

How indigenous amplifier played a crucial role in communication

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CHANDRAYAAN 3 - India's ambitious Moon Mission is a team work with several scientists, technicians, entrepreneurs among others joining hands to make it a success. Associate Director, Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) headquarters, Dr BHM Darukesh and his team had developed the 5-watt signal amplifier (for communication) which is an important part of Chandrayaan-3's Lander and Rover when no other country came forward to provide it to India since amplifiers are mostly used by the military for defence operations. Darukesh hails from Kottur in Vijayanagara district.

In the case of space missions, amplifiers are instrumental in getting the message from the Lander and Rover to the satellite orbiting on the surface of the Moon, which is about four lakh km from the Earth. Isro was looking for a 5-watt signal amplifier for its Moon missions.

According to informed sources, a Japanese firm had agreed to provide its own 12-Watt amplifier. "However, it was not suitable for use in space travel and Isro had to develop its own amplifier. This responsibility was assigned to Darukesh, who headed the Integrated Circuit (IC) design team.

The 5-watt amplifier developed by him and his team has won various awards by Isro. These amplifiers were fitted in the Lander and Rover of Chandrayaan-1 & 2, Mangalyaan and now Chandrayaan 3," added sources.

"An amplifier is required to know the operational status of a satellite or spacecraft that is launched from the Earth. It was an opportunity and privilege for me and my team to develop it at a time when other countries had backed out," Darukesh told this newspaper.

Born on August 6, 1974 to Suvarnamma and Mahadevaiah - a government primary school teacher in Shivpura Gollarahatti in Kudligi taluk. Darukesh was appointed as a scientist in Isro in 1998.

LCA Tejas successfully test-fires ASTRA

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THE Tejas Light Combat Aircraft successfully fired the indigenous Beyond Visual Range (BVR) air-to-air ASTRA missile off the coast of Goa on Wednesday. The test-fire took place a day after the Air Chief reviewed status of the Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) programme at Air Headquarters.

In a statement, the Ministry of Defence said, "The missile was successfully released from the aircraft at an altitude of about 20,000 feet. All test objectives were met, and it was a textbook launch."

This momentous occasion contributes significantly to the indigenisation of arms and equipment sources, as both the missile and the aircraft are being made domestically.

The importance of this achievement grows considering that it is a step towards overcoming potential future sanctions due to geopolitical ramifications on arms trade.

In another significant step, the Indian Air Force has already successfully integrated the ASTRA missile with the frontline Sukhoi 30-MKI combat aircraft, as confirmed by sources. The test launch was



ASTRA, an indigenous Beyond Visual Range air-to-air missile, being testfired by Tejas Light Combat Aircraft on Wednesday

closely monitored by the Test Director and scientists from the Aeronautical Development Agency, Defence Research and Development Organisation, Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, as well as officials from the Centre for Military Airworthiness and Certification and the Directorate General of Aeronautical Quality Assurance. Tejas was tracked by a Chase Tejas twin-seater aircraft.

ASTRA, a state-of-the-art BVR air-to-air missile designed to engage and destroy highly

maneuvering supersonic aerial targets, has been developed by the Defence Research and Development Laboratory, Research Centre Imarat, and other DRDO laboratories.

The indigenous Astra BVR launch from homegrown Tejas fighters is a major stride towards achieving 'Aatma Nirbhar Bharat' (self-reliant India).

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh commended ADA, DRDO, CEMILAC, DG-AQA, and the industry for the successful mis-

sile firing from Tejas-LCA. He emphasised that this launch would significantly enhance the combat capabilities of Tejas and reduce dependency on imported weapons.

Meanwhile, Chief of Air Staff Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari reviewed the status of the Light Combat Aircraft programme at Air Headquarters in Delhi on Tuesday. Senior functionaries from the Ministry of Defence, DRDO, HAL, and ADA were also in attendance.

India takes lead in forging consensus on adding new members to BRICS

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INDIA gathered support among BRICS members to arrive at a consensus for expansion of the grouping.

"During the BRICS Leaders' Retreat on Tuesday, India took the lead in forging a consensus on membership criteria and selection of new members. Our efforts were guided by our objective to incorporate our strategic partners as new members," said a source familiar with the matter.

Saudi Arabia, Iran and UAE are strategic partners of most member states and are likely to be included in the BRICS fold, it is learnt. "India fully supports the expansion of BRICS membership. And welcomes moving forward with consensus in this," Prime Minister Narendra Modi said.

Meanwhile, before the summit, South Africa's Deputy President Paul Mashatile had said that one of the core issues of discussions would be to reduce dependence on dollar. "There was extensive talk on encouraging trade in national currencies. A lot of trade amongst BRICS members is be-



PM Modi with South African President Cyril Ramaphosa, Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, Chinese President Xi Jinping and Russia's Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov

ing done in national currencies and this would be encouraged further," said a source.

Meanwhile, Modi began his speech by speaking of the historic connect between India and South Africa, bringing the context of Tolstoy Farm, which was built by Mahatma Gandhi 110 years ago. "Had a fruitful meeting with PM Modi. We congratulated India on the success of Chandrayaan 3 and wished India for the upcoming G20 Summit," said South African President Cyril Ramaphosa.

Amongst the suggestions for

broadening cooperation, Modi suggested creating a BRICS Space Exploration Consortium.

Meanwhile, Russian President Vladimir Putin, during his video address, said the war in Ukraine was unleashed by the West and its satellites. "The desire of a number of Western countries to maintain their hegemony in the world led to a severe crisis in Ukraine. The actions of Russia in Ukraine are dictated by the desire to stop the war of extermination unleashed by the West," said Putin.

Over 500 CBI requests for sanctions stuck

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

AROUND 525 requests from the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to obtain sanctions to prosecute corrupt government employees were pending with many state governments and Central government departments in 2022, says the latest annual report of the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC).

The CVC report stated that the government departments were supposed to decide on sanctioning of the agency's requests within three months after receiving them. "However,

out of the requests, 271 were pending for more than three months," it said.

There is a provision that one month can be further granted in certain cases for consultation if required, on the request by the Attorney General or any other law officer in office.

According to the report, the highest number of 167 requests was pending with the department of financial services under the Finance Ministry; 41 with the Maharashtra government, and 31 each with the revenue department under the Ministry of Finance, and Min-

istry of Coal and Mines. In the Ministry of Railways, 22 requests were pending.

The report has mentioned that 25 requests were found pending for prosecution sanction with the Himachal Pradesh government, 23 each with the governments of Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

Similarly, 20 requests were pending with the Ministry of Labour and Employment; 16 with Ministry of Defence; 12 with Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; 11 with the Home Ministry and eight with Education Ministry.

No intent to tweak special NE provisions: Centre

SHRUTI KAKKAR @ New Delhi

THE Centre on Wednesday told the Supreme Court that it has no intention to touch special provisions of the Constitution relating to northeastern states and other regions.

"We must understand the difference between the temporary provision that is Article 370 and special provisions with regards to other states, including the northeast. The Centre has no intention to touch any part that gives special provisions to northeast and

other regions. This submission will have a very potential mischief and making it clear. Let us confine to J&K. Rest are special provisions and not temporary," solicitor general Tushar Mehta submitted before the five-judge Supreme Court bench hearing pleas against abrogation of Article 370.

Congress MP Manish Tiwari had submitted that the abrogation of Article 370 would impact the special provisions related to northeastern states and other regions.

ALSO IN TOP COURT

Court order in Azam Khan's case stayed

Samajwadi Party leader Azam Khan got a breather on Wednesday as SC stayed Rampur court's order of directing him to give voice sample in a hate speech case. Khan was booked by UP police for allegedly giving a speech that violated Election Commission's model code of conduct at an event on August 9, 2007.

NIA stand sought on Shoma Sen's bail plea

The SC on Wednesday sought National Investigation Agency's response in Bhima Koregaon-accused Shoma Sen's plea seeking interim bail on grounds that her health was deteriorating. It asked if her case fell into the formula laid down in the verdict that led to the bail to two other accused, Vernon and Arun Ferreira, last month.

	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	42	27	Mumbai	35	29
Bhopal	43	28	Panaji	32	28
Jaipur	41	30	Patna	41	27
Amritsar	40	23	Lucknow	42	27
Chennai	39	30	Port Blair	34	28
Kolkata	36	26	Imphal	23	18
Srinagar	18	08	Chandigarh	42	23

Poll-ready Shivraj may rejig cabinet

3 berths in MP cabinet vacant ■ Union minister Prahlad Singh Patel's brother in the race

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bhopal

WITH assembly polls in Madhya Pradesh barely three months away, there is a strong buzz that the Shivraj Singh Chouhan cabinet is likely to expand his cabinet in the next couple of days. There are at least three berths in the current council of ministers vacant.

The possibility of cabinet expansion a few months ahead of the polls has been triggered by Chouhan's meeting with Governor Mangubhai C Patel on Tuesday night.

Names of former ministers Rajendra Shukla, Gaurishankar Bisen and Jalam Singh Patel are in the race to become ministers. Shukla is a powerful four-time Brahmin MLA from Rewa district, Patel is brother of Union minister Prahlad Singh Patel.

Bisen and Jalam Singh Patel are from the OBC community, which forms more than 50% of the state's voters and is seen as the ruling BJP's main vote bank in MP.

Two other OBC Lodhi leaders, including ex-CM Uma Bharti's first-time MLA nephew Rahul Singh, and Pritam Singh Lodhi (declared candidate from Pichhore seat of Shivpuri district of Gwalior-Chambal region) who is also a



Shivraj Singh Chouhan is greeted by supporters in Shahdol on Wednesday | PTI

distant relative of Bharti, are, too, said to be contenders.

The surprising move is being seen among political circles as BJP's efforts to cement the support of its loyal OBC voters, particularly the Lodhi caste, which for long has been seen as traditional BJP voters, particularly due to their caste leader Uma Bharti.

Possibility of 71-year-old former agriculture minister Gaurishankar Bisen being included in the cabinet just ahead of polls is being seen as an at-

tempt to gracefully retire him from politics. Importantly, the seven-time MLA from Maoist-hit Balaghat district has stated that he will not contest next polls, particularly if his daughter Mausam Bisen is fielded by the party from the same unserved seat.

Shukla, who has been a key part of the Shivraj Singh Chouhan-led BJP governments in the past, is stated to be a frontrunner for the possible cabinet expansion. His name is particularly being considered, as part of possible

damage control exercise by the party to keep him in good humour in the wake of reports about him and his close aide Semariya (Rewa) MLA KP Tripathi, being upset over return of ex-MLA couple Abhay Mishra and Neelam Mishra into the party after five years.

Shukla and Tripathi have made their opposition to the Mishra couple's return to the party clear to a senior leader of the state BJP, after which the ruling party is busy in ensuring that Shukla and Tripathi are not at all won over by the opposition Congress.

The party is also trying to address a long-standing regional imbalance in ministry, particularly over the presence of very few ministers from the Vindhya region, which was swept by the BJP in the 2018 polls.

Reacting to the possibility of the cabinet expansion, state BJP chief VD Sharma said, "It's the CM's prerogative and can happen anytime."

However, sources close to some MLAs whose names are in the running for inclusion in the cabinet, told this newspaper that the late cabinet expansion may actually hurt their poll prospects, especially by raising people's expectations in respective assembly seats barely a month and half before elections are announced.

Under-construction rly bridge collapses in Mizoram, 18 die

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @Guwahati

AN under-construction railway bridge over the Kurung river in Mizoram collapsed on Wednesday around 9:30 am, killing at least 18 workers, some of them hailed from West Bengal.

The incident occurred at Sairang, 21 km from state capital Aizawl. The Bairabi-Sairang rail head is part of the capital connectivity project.

"A railway bridge (bridge no. 196 near Sairang zero point) which was under construction collapsed near Sairang village... The bodies of 18 persons were recovered while three injured were rescued," said Mizoram government.

Altogether 28 workers were believed to be at the site when the mishap occurred. Sources from the Railways said a girder (a steel structure on which track is laid) collapsed while it was being installed. The girder was designed by the STUP consultant and proof checked by the Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati. The bridge did not suffer any damage and the pil-

Girder falls

Sources from the Railways said a girder (a steel structure on which track is laid) collapsed while it was being installed. The bridge did not suffer any damage and the pillars – the tallest being 95 metres – are intact, sources said. Girder was designed by the STUP Consultant and proof checked by the IIT, Guwahati.

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The railways constituted a high-level panel comprising of a high-level probe committee has been constituted — with Dr Dipti Ranjan Sahoo, associate dean and professor of structural engineering at IIT Delhi; BP Awasthi, principal executive director-II infra, RDSO; Sharad Kumar Agarwal, Prof. Bridges, IRI-CEN; and Sandeep Sharma, chief bridge engineer, NF Railway — to probe the incident and announced ex-gratia of ₹10 lakh for those killed, ₹2 lakh for those who sustained grievous injuries and ₹50,000 for those who sustained minor injuries.

Gas leaks from Gujarat factory, 18 hospitalised

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @Ahmedabad

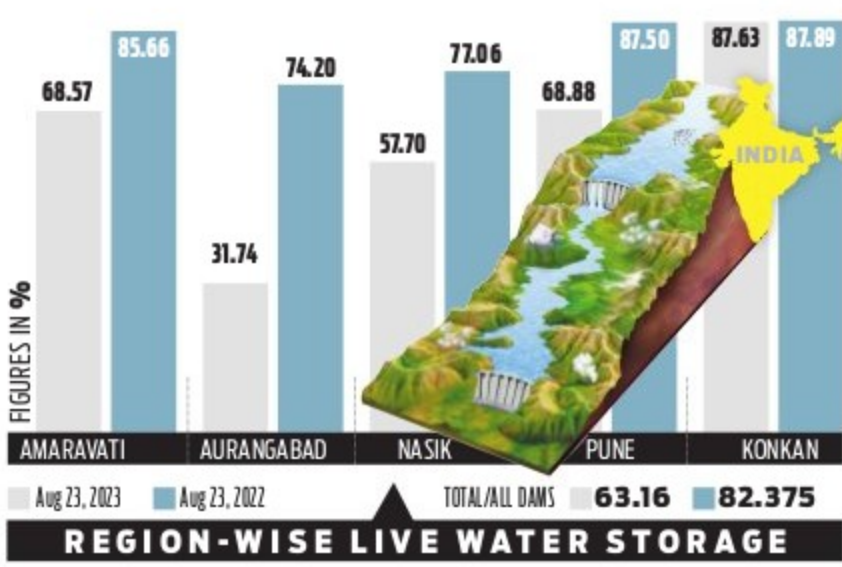
A toxic gas that leaked in a factory in Gujarat's Bharuch district on Wednesday hospitalised 18 workers, according to the police.

There were around 2,000 workers present in the factory when the leakage was reported around 1 p.m. All were safely evacuated, the police official said. "As many as 18 workers were hospitalized after inhaling bromine gas that leaked from a tank of a chemical factory located at Vedaj village, sub-inspector Vaishali Ahir of Vedach police station said.

"The workers, who were near the tank, complained of health problems and were rushed to the hospital. The leakage has been controlled," she said.

According to locals, the leakage gas is bromine, due to a bromine chemical leak at Jam-busar chemical factory, for five minutes, there was a chemical leak from the bromine storage tank. As a result, the workers suffered.

However, the situation was eventually brought under control. Yellow-coloured chemical air was seen soaring in the sky after the incident. Although, no formal information has been released by the firm yet.



Maha stares at drought?...

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @Mumbai

MAHARASHTRA is staring at drought-like situation as live water storage in various reservoirs is 20 per cent lower as on August 23 compared to the same period last year due to the scanty rainfall and long dry spell.

"There is 63.16 per cent live water storage in all small- and big-sized dams against 82.37 per cent last year in the same period. The Aurangabad division has the lowest water live storage that is 31.74 per cent against 74.20 per cent last year. In major dams, this year the 69.14 per cent live water storage much lower than 88.95 per cent storage last year in the same period," said a report by the water resources department.

Aurangabad, Amravati and Nasik divisions have the lowest

live water storage in their respective dams as against the last year storage data. "Aurangabad region dam has only 37.80 per cent live water storage against 84.60 percent water storage last year in same period while in Amravati division, this year, 67.57 per cent of live water storage against 86.98 per cent last year in same dams and Nasik division, this year 69.04 per cent water storage against 88.77 per cent live water storage," stated in the report.

CM Eknath Shinde said water should be used judiciously. Vijay Jawandia, a farmer leader, said water storage is not satisfactory. If the situation continues, then state will not face water shortage, but there is drought-prone situation. The state needs to take measures to mitigate the drought impact."

... meanwhile, 5 killed as heavy rains batter Himachal; Punjab on high alert

HARPREET BAJWA @Chandigarh

AT least five people were killed and two went missing in separate incidents triggered by landslides and a cloudburst in Mandi district of Himachal Pradesh on Wednesday.

An official said some people were trapped because of flash floods. The bodies of two people trapped under debris have been retrieved and rescue teams were deployed to evacuate the stranded people.

Meanwhile, the Chandigarh-Shimla national highway was closed at Chakki Mor due to heavy rain for safety reasons. The Baddi-Nalagarh highway is closed for traffic the main bridge at Baddi was damaged in the rains.

The Kirtipur-Manali national highway is closed between Mandi and Kullu due to landslides for the last few days. Traffic was moving via alternatives routes, but these routes have also been they now, said sources.

In Shimla, some trees were uprooted on Mall Road and near the Chief Minister's residence following a landslide. The Sanjauli-Chottha Shimla road is also closed for traffic as uprooted trees have blocked the road near Sanjauli.

Neighbouring Punjab has



HOUSES COLLAPSE IN YET ANOTHER LANDSLIDE IN U'KHAND

Jakhan village in Uttarakhand on witnessed a landslide. Building in the village slipped and cracks appeared. The area falls under the active seismic belt and experts have cautioned about future geological upheavals. Vikas Nagar Sub Divisional Magistrate Vinod Kumar said, "Jakhan village was hit by a landslide on Wednesday, in which 10 houses completely collapsed. Two were partially damaged. Seven cow shelters also collapsed". The village had to be evacuated. There were 28 families in the village."

been put on high alert as water inflow into the Bhakra-Nangal and Pong dams increased on Wednesday. The water level in Sutlej and Beas rivers continues to be high.

Schools in the state will remain closed, keeping in mind the flood-like situation in Punjab after heavy rains in the state and neighboring Himachal Pradesh.

Sources said inflow into Bhakra-Nangal is 1.28 lakh cusecs and into the Pong is 1.58 lakh cusecs. The inflow into the Bhakra-Nangal dam was 1.05 lakh cusecs and into the

Pong was 58,702 cusecs. Bhakra Dam is releasing 58,400 cusecs of water and the Pong 67,083 cusecs of water.

Punjab Education Minister Harjot Bains said all schools be closed till August 6, keeping in mind the flood-like situation in Punjab after heavy rains in the state and neighboring Himachal Pradesh.

Meanwhile, a teacher died and three others were seriously injured when a portion of the Government Senior Secondary School building that is undergoing renovation at Baddowal in Ludhiana collapsed.

Positive outlook: Nat'l tourism meet planned in J&K

FAYAZ WANI @Srinagar

AS the tourist footfall to Jammu and Kashmir has increased since last year and tourists are thronging to the region, the government is mulling to hold a national-level tourism summit in the twin capital cities.

Sources said the Jammu and Kashmir government has decided to conduct the national level tourism summit in the Union Territory.

The tourism summit, they said, is likely to be held by the end of this year or early 2024.

The Lt Governor administration has been encouraged by a considerable increase in footfall of tourists in the region since last year.

Sources said the hosting of the tourism summit would give further impetus to the tourism sector in the UT and attract tourists from across the country and abroad.

"The government is hopeful that the tourism summit will lead to large-scale investment in the tourism sector in J&K, thus improving the tourist infrastructure in the UT".

According to government figures, 1.88 crore tourists includ-



Government figures say 1.88 crore tourists visited Kashmir last year | ZAHOOR PUNJABI

ing the yatris visited the Mata Vaishno Devi shrine in Jammu and Amarnath cave in south Kashmir Himalayas last year.

An all time high 2.5 million tourists including 3.65 lakh Amarnath yatris visited the militancy-hit Kashmir in 2022. It was the highest ever footfall of tourists visiting the picturesque Kashmir.

This year, the officials, are expecting further increase in the tourist inflow to the Valley due to the drop in militancy violence and considerable improvement in law and order situation.

According to officials, over 10 lakh tourists have visited the Valley in the first six months of this year.

More than 16,000 foreign tourists have also visited the picturesque Kashmir this year.

The foreign tourist arrivals began to increase after the G-20 tourism working meeting was held in Srinagar in May this year.

The hosting of the G-20 tourism meeting in Srinagar sent a clear and loud message that Kashmir was a safe tourist destination, the officials said.

Surge in footfall

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Travel Agents Association of India (TAAI) Kashmir chapter president Zahoar Ahmad Qari said holding a national tourism summit in Srinagar and Jammu would give a big boost to the tourism sector.

He said every step the government is taking is proving beneficial for the people of the Valley in all respects.

"The mega events are now taking place in Kashmir, which is having a very positive impact on the tourism sector and these events lead to further increase in the tourist footfall," Qari said.

Missed calls of elected representatives? Gujarat govt keeps employees on toes

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @Ahmedabad

OVER allegations of several officials not responding to phone calls of public representatives and remaining inaccessible, the BJP-led Gujarat government has issued a circular mandating the employees to save telephone numbers of legislatures and answer their calls.

"If they (politicians) call the officials on the landline numbers during office hours and under some circumstances, they are not available in their office or are in a meeting and are unable to talk to the representatives, whenever the official returns or gets free, the call has to be returned immediately," the circular issued on Tuesday states.

According to the circular, "If the personal assistant or secretary of an official takes the call, they would have to keep a record of the phone call and bring it to the notice of the

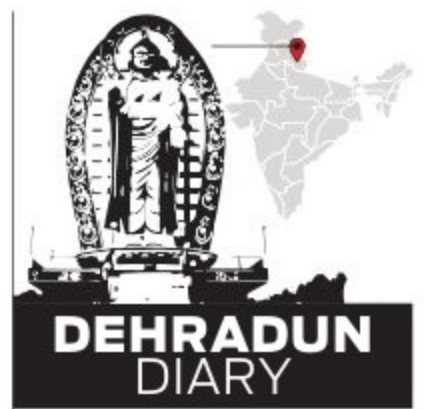
'Healthy relationship'

The government said the motive behind the move was to maintain a healthy relationship between the legislative and executives and prevent any standoffs. However, sources say in state BJP meetings, leaders would complain that public work in their constituency was getting affected as some government officials were not answering their calls and at times remained unavailable

official concerned".

It also mandates the employees of various government agencies and public corporations to save the phone numbers of public representatives including district panchayat heads, MLAs, mayors and Members of Parliament.

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Govt to give three pay hikes to medal winners

The Uttarakhand government has decided to give a special pay hike to government employees who bring medals in all-India civil services competitions. The mandate for the same has been issued. "This will be effective from January 1, 2016," the order said. According to the order issued by Special Principal Secretary Abhinav Kumar, three special increments have been approved in the form of individual salary throughout the service period for the regular employees of the state government who have secured first, second and third positions by participating in the All India Civil Services Competitions.



Rural women make Rakhi from Pine leaves

Pine needles, considered harmful to the environment, are becoming a means of self-employment for women. Women of self-help groups are preparing attractive rakhis from Pirul. Rakhis prepared by women associated with the Ladidhura Autonomous Cooperative in Barakot block of Champawat district are in demand in Dehradun and Chamoli. Women's groups have been preparing rakhis for the last three years. Suman Joshi, president of the co-operative society, said that it is for the first time that Rakhis are being made from pirul which comes out of pine trees.

Research students make snake catching device

Research students at the University of Petroleum and Energy Studies (UPES) Dehradun have developed a snake-catching device that can catch snakes in the blink of an eye without harming anyone. The project, called Smart Snake-Trapping Device, has been approved by the Centre's Department of Science and Technology. Now the university has sought permission to test the device at the Wildlife Institute of India and the Forest Research Institute. The smart snake-trapping device is being worked on by research students Huma Naaz, Rahul Chamola and Nitin Pasi under the leadership of Principal Investigator Dr Neelu Jyoti Ahuja.



Beijing	25	23	SNY	Los Angeles	31	21	LC
Colombo	31	26	LC	Melbourne	16	11	HR
Dhaka	35	28	SNY	Moscow	26	15	HR
Dubai	38	31	SNY	New York	29	19	LC
Houston	39	27	SNY	Singapore	32	27	SNY
Istanbul	29	21	SNY	Toronto	23	15	LC
London	22	14	LC	Washington	29	18	SNY

Defects in Toshakhana judgment against Imran: Pak chief justice

ISLAMABAD

PAKISTAN'S Chief Justice Umar Ata Bandial on Wednesday observed that there were prima facie "shortcomings" in the trial court's

judgment in the Toshakhana corruption case against Imran Khan and said that the Supreme Court would wait for the Islamabad High Court's order on the former premier's appeal against his conviction

and the three-year sentence before interfering in the case. The chief justice's observation came as a three-judge special bench of the Supreme Court headed by him and comprising Justice Mazahar

Ali Akbar Naqvi and Justice Jamal Khan Mandokhail heard the Pakistani Tehreek-e-Insaf chief's pleas filed against the trial court's proceedings of the Toshakhana corruption case. **PTI**

THAVISIN TAKES
CHARGE AS THAI PM

End to three months of political gridlock; the 61-year-old former property mogul vows four years of change

BANGKOK

THAILAND'S new prime minister vowed to bring four years of change to the kingdom as he took office on Wednesday at the head of a controversial coalition including parties linked to former coup-makers. The appointment of former property mogul Srettha Thavisin — of the Pheu Thai party long associated with billionaire ex-premier Thaksin Shinawatra — ends months of political deadlock following the general election held in May.

The 61-year-old was confirmed by parliamentary vote on Tuesday, just hours after Thaksin returned to the kingdom from 15 years of exile and was immediately jailed on old graft charges.

Srettha received King Maha Vajiralongkorn's official written command to form a government in a ceremony at Pheu Thai headquarters at 6.00 pm.

"The good of the country is my highest priority. I am confident the next four years will be years of change," Srettha said after accepting the royal endorsement. "The government under Pheu Thai will work hard to... create happiness for all people equally and make Thailand a land of hope for the young generation."

Outgoing prime minister Prayut Chan-o-cha — a former army chief who over-



Thailand's new Prime Minister Srettha Thavisin poses with supporters at the Pheu Thai Party headquarters in Bangkok on Wednesday | **AFP**

threw the last Pheu Thai government in a coup — congratulated Srettha and wished him luck. Prayut suffered a heavy defeat in May's polls as the upstart progressive Move Forward Party (MFP) rode a wave of youth and urban discontent with nearly a decade of military-backed rule to win the most seats. But MFP's push to reform royal insult laws and take on powerful vested business interests spooked the kingdom's elite and saw leader Pita Limjaroenrat blocked from becoming prime minister.

Srettha received congratulations from Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the European Union's foreign policy chief Josep Borrell. **AFP**

Germany plans to ease legal gender change

BERLIN: Germany signed off plans to help people change their legal gender more easily. Now, Germans will be able to change their name or legal gender by making a simple application to their local registry office. They will not have to give a reason or provide any medical information. In the case of children under 14, parents will be able to submit application. Minors over 14 may do it themselves, but with the consent of their parents

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POSSESSION NOTICE
Under Rule - 8 (1) (For Immovable Property)
A/C.Nos.KNR/10508/HL/4151- 40039745985/ 40039492046
WHEREAS, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the State Bank of India, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (No. 3 of 2002) issued a Demand Notice dated 15.06.2023 calling upon the borrowers **Mrs. Pannuru Hemavathi, W/o. Mr. Krishniah P & Mr. P. Krishniah, S/o. Mr. Kuppiah Chetty**, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 1,76,08,788/-** (Rupees One Crore Seventy Six Lakhs Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Eight only) as on 14.06.2023 and you are also liable to pay future interest from 15.06.2023 and expenses thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of this said notice.
The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 and 9 of the said rules on 23.08.2023.
The borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India for an amount of **Rs. 1,76,08,788/-** (Rupees One Crore Seventy Six Lakhs Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Eight only) as on 20.08.2023 and you are also liable to pay future interest from 21.08.2023 and expenses thereon.
The borrower's/mortgagor's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
Sale Deed Regd. Doc. No. INR-111092-2020-21, C D No. INRD789, dated: 22.03.2021 at SRO: Shivajinagar (Indiranagar), Bengaluru.
SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of the residential immovable property bearing **Site No. 240, New BBMP Khatha No. 214/240, formed in Converted Sy. No. 86/1** (duly converted for non-agricultural residential purposes, as per Official Memorandum bearing No. **B.DIS.ALN(E)VB.SR.101/2003-04, dated: 03.07.2003**, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru District, Bengaluru), situated at **HARLUR VILLAGE, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk**, now comes within the limits of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Bengaluru, in the layout known as "**RELIABLE LAKE DEW RESIDENCY**" which is duly approved by the Bangalore Development Authority, vide approval bearing No. BDA/TPM/PL-11/1684/2003-04, dated: 30-09-2003, and measuring: East to West: **70-0 Feet** and North to South: **40-0 Feet**, totally measuring: **2800 Feet**, and bounded on the **East** by: Site No. 247, **West** by: Road, **North** by: Site No. 239 and **South** by: Site No. 241.
SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of Residential apartment bearing **Flat No. 214/240/TF-301, measuring 2350 Square Feet** of Super Built Area, in the Apartment Building known as "**KAMAKSHI SHELTERS**", together with **700 Square Feet** of undivided share, right, title, interest and ownership and sital area comprising of the flat consisting of **Three bed rooms**, hall, Dining, Kitchen, utility, bath room and toilets, consisting of flush doors and MS Windows, having **Vitrified flooring** and **One covered car parking in Stilt/ Basement Floor** in the Schedule 'A' Property. Standing in the name of Mrs. Pannuru Hemavathi, W/o. Mr. Krishniah.P.
Sd/-
Place: Bengaluru **STATE BANK OF INDIA**
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As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Vinay Kumar/ K/ Darapaneni/ Harikrishna/ LBBNG00004640205	Schedule A Property (Description of The Entire Property) (Building/apartment Complex Is Intended To Be Constructed) All That Piece and Parcel of The Residentially Converted Land Bearing Sy. No.45, (Converted For Residential Purposes Vide Conversion Order No. Aln(E) Sr (KR. Ho.) 54/2012-13, Dated 19/07/2012, issued By The Deputy Commissioner Bangalore Dist Measuring To an Extent of 20 Guntas, Situated at Kyalasanahalli Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, Presently Coming Under The Jurisdiction of Bbnp, and Bounded on The: East By: Remaining Land In Same Sy. No.45 West By: Road & Remaining Land In Same Sy. No.45 North By: Road & Remaining Land In Same Sy. No.45 South By: Land In Sy. No.44. Schedule B Property (Description of The Apartment and The Undivided Share Intended To Be Purchased) Residential Apartment No.G-7, Ground Floor In The "Byrathi Residency", To Be Constructed On The Property Described In The 'A' Schedule Above Consisting of Three Bedroom With Two Toilets, Kitchen, Dining and Living Room, Having A Super Built Up Area of 1340 Sq. Feet, Equipped With One Car Parking, Vitrified Tiles Flooring, Sanitary, Electrical Wiring and Other Facilities, 1005sq Ft of Carpet Area With 54 Sqft of Undivided Share of Interest In Schedule A Property./ Date of Symbolic Possession 09/21/08/2023.	30.03.2023 Rs. 32.94, 662.00/-	Bangalore

The above-mentioned borrowers(s) guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, also the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.
Date : August 24, 2023
Place : Bangalore
Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

HDFC BANK LIMITED
Regd Office: HDFC Bank House, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel (West), Mumbai - 400013
Branch Office: #51, HDFC Ltd., HDFC House, Kasturba Road, Bangalore 560 001
Tel: 080-41183000, CIN L65920MH1994PLC080618 Website: www.hdfcbank.com

NOTICE FOR REMOVAL OF PERSONAL BELONGINGS/HOUSEHOLD GOODS

Sr. No	Name of Borrower (s) / Legal heir (s) / Legal Representative(s)	Date of Demand Notice(s)	Date Of Possession	Description of Secured Asset(s) / Immovable Property (ies)
1	Mr. Jyoti Prasad Dutta (Borrower)	27.07.2021	26.03.2022	Schedule-A: All that piece and parcel of the land and 18 Guntas residentially converted lands totally measuring about 11 Acres and 18 Guntas including the Kharab Land in Survey Nos.39/1, 39/2, 40/3 and 42/1 all situated at M.Medehalli, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, Bangalore, and bounded on the: East By: Lands in Survey No.43, West By: Road, North By: Mayasandra Gadi, South By: Lands in Survey No.41 Schedule-B: The undivided share, right, title and interest in the Schedule 'A' Property mentioned above works out to 317.23 Square Feet. Schedule-C: Residential Apartment bearing No.A-401, PID No. 150200101700620525, Assessment Number 1207/40/3-T/10-A-401, Fourth Floor of Tower-10/Block-5 consists of One Hall, Two Bed Room, Kitchen, two Bath Room, a Balcony in the Residential Apartment Complex known as "JANAADHAR SHUBHA" constructed on the Schedule 'A' Property, having a Carpet area of 462.20 Sq.Ft excluding balcony area (super built up area of 656 SQFT) with vitrified flooring and the proportionate share in the common areas, such as, passage/s, stair/s, duct/s, well and/or room/s, water, drainage and/or electrical conduits and/or other area/s used in common with the Purchaser/s of other Apartment/s and is bounded on: East By: Open Space, West By: A-402, North By: Lobby, South By: Open Space.

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **HDFC Bank Limited** (erstwhile HDFC Limited having amalgamated with HDFC Bank Limited by virtue of a Scheme of Amalgamation approved by Hon'ble NCLT-Mumbai vide order dated 17th March 2023) (**HDFC**). This Public Notice is issued in view of the fact that HDFC has not been able to communicate/ establish contact with the aforesaid Borrower (s) / Legal heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) at his/ her/ their last known address as per HDFC's records.
Whereas the Authorised Officer of HDFC in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (SARFAESI Act) has issued Demand Notice (s) to the Borrower (s) / Legal heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) on the dates mentioned above.
On the Borrower (s) / Legal heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) failure to comply with the said Demand Notice (s) within the period set out therein, the Authorized Officer of HDFC has taken over possession of the immovable property (ies) / Secured Asset (s) more particularly described in the said Demand Notice (s), under Section 13 (4) of the SARFAESI Act read with Rule 8 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, on the dates mentioned above.
At the time of taking over possession of the said immovable property (ies) / Secured Asset (s), the Authorised Officer of HDFC has drawn up an inventory of personal belongings and household goods lying therein, copy whereof can be collected from the undersigned on any working day during office hours. In the circumstances, Notice is hereby given, to the said Borrower (s) / Legal heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) to forthwith remove the personal belongings / household goods lying in the aforesaid immovable property (ies) / Secured Asset (s) within **10 (ten) days** from the date hereof, failing which the Authorised Officer will have no other option but to remove the personal belongings/household goods and dispose off/deal with it in the manner as may be deemed fit, entirely at the Borrower (s) / Legal heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) risk as to cost and consequences, in which event, no claim will be entertained in this regard in future.

Date: Bengaluru
Place: 24.08.2023
Sd/-Authorised Officer
HDFC Bank Ltd. under SARFAESI Act, 2002

BIHAR SCHOOL EXAMINATION BOARD
NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
(Through e-procurement mode only over <https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in>)
Tender Notice No. - PR 259/2023
Bihar School Examination Board, Patna invites e-tenders under two bid systems from the reputed, experienced Firms /Companies/ Agencies/ Societies for "**Implementing Analytics based Learning Management System (L.M.S.) Platform for JEE and Medical NEET Students in Free Coaching Programme Run by BSEB.**"

Scope of work	Cost of Tender Document	Tender Processing Fee	Earnest Money
Selection of Agency for Implementing Analytics based Learning Management System (L.M.S.) Platform for JEE and NEET Students.	₹1,180/- (One Thousand One Hundred Eighty Only)	₹590/- (Rupees Five Hundred Ninety only)	₹50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand Only)

Tender Schedule/ Programme:

Particulars	Date/Time: Duration
Online Sale/Download date of Tender documents	From: 26/08/2023 (11:00 Hrs.) to 15/09/2023 (14:00 Hrs.) (https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in)
Pre-Bid Meeting	01/09/2023 at 13:30 Hrs. (Bihar School Examination Board, Sinha Library Road, Patna-800017)
Last Date/ Time for submission of Bid	15/09/2023 up to 14:00 Hrs. (https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in)
Submission of EMD (in case of BG) in Hard copy/ Original	18/09/2023 up to 13:00 Hrs. (Bihar School Examination Board, Sinha Library Road, Patna-800017)
Technical Bid Opening Date & Time	18/09/2023 at 14:30 Hrs (https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in) (Bihar School Examination Board, Sinha Library Road, Patna-800017)
Financial Bid Opening Date and Time	Date to be announced later by competent authority.

- Tender Document Fee & Tender Processing fee to be submitted only via Online Mode. EMD to be submitted offline only in case of Bank Guarantee.
- Detailed descriptions of the items and instructions for submitting your offer can be downloaded from e-tender website (<https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in>).
- For support related to e-tendering process, Bidders may contact at "e-Procurement HELP DESK Address: Mjunction services limited RJ Complex, 2nd Floor, Canara Bank Campus, Khajpura, Ashiana Road, P.S. - Shastri Nagar, Patna 800 014, Bihar First" or may visit the link "Vendor Info" at (<https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in>). Bidders may also raise their concern by following means:
 - Toll Free Number: 1800 572 6571 (Working Hours: 8AM to 7PM, All days in week except few selected state holidays)
 - Email ID: eproc2support@bihar.gov.in
 - Corrigendum/ Addendum, if any, will be published on e-Procurement Portal, Bihar <https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in> itself.
 - Contact Details: Sh. Vinod Kumar Singh, Nodal officer - +91 62999 23095, E-Mail ID - eproc-bseb-bih@gov.in / eproc.bseb@gmail.com
 - Note** - Bihar School Examination Board reserves the right to Accept/ Cancel/ Reschedule tenders without assigning any reasons.

Secretary

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to inform the general public that my client Mr. Aravindakshan M son of late M.P. Govindan, Aged about 84 Years, Residing at No. 122, 6th Block, BEL Layout, Vijayanagara, Bangalore - 560097, hereby inform that he has lost the SALE DEED dated 24-3-2008 vide Document No.4584/2007-08, RELEASE DEED dated 30-12-2022 vide Document No. 11319/2022-23, POWER OF ATTORNEY dated 29-12-2022 vide Document No.842/2022-23 DISCHARGE RECEIPT dated 26-12-2022 vide Document No.11585/2022-23 pertaining to flat bearing no.203 in the first floor, in the apartment building known as "ANU PLAZA" which have been lost/misplaced while travelling in bus from Majestic to Vijayanagara in spite of search he was not in a position to trace the original title document referred above. My client has also lodged a complaint in e-Noted Article dated 21-8-2023 in Lost Article Report dated no.0693832/2023. If anyone found the fore-said document kindly contact at the address as given below.
P. S. Suresh Advocate
No.517 11th A Cross, 3rd Block BEL Layout
Vijayanagara Bangalore-97
Ph no - 9845529918

PUBLIC NOTICE
Public are informed that our clients **Mrs. Tasneem Fathima W/o. Fakrudin Ummar** intends to Purchase the Property bearing Site No.1267, situated at 1st stage, 4th Block, HBR Layout, Bangalore presently within the limits of BBMP and Measuring: East to West: 40ft and North to South 30ft totally measuring 123.35sq Gajia and bounded on: East by: Site No. 1272, West by: Road, North by: Site No.1268, South by: Site No.1266 from its owner K.Subramani S/o. Late Kanan K. If any persons having any right/interest/Claim over the said property may lodge their objections/claims with documentary evidence within 7 days from the date of this publication, to the undersigned.
KSR Associates
ADVOCATES & LEGAL CONSULTANTS
OFFICE: 53/1 1st Flr, 6th Cross, Old Main Road, D.T. Street, 8th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bangalore - 560 003
Email: raviksadvocate@gmail.com
Mobile: 99450 00789

SOUTH CENTRAL RAILWAY
Follow us @ [SCRailways](https://twitter.com/SCRailways)
Details of the Tender Notices of C/Railway can be seen on our website: www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in

TENDER NOTICE NO. C/S/C/36/5/387 Dt: 21.08.2023
For and on behalf of President of India, Deputy Chief Signal & Telecom Engineer (Projects) South Central Railway, Secunderabad invites E-tenders (Open) for the following work for 11.30 hrs on 12.09.2023.
S.No.: 1 Tender No.: C/S/C/36/5/387
Description of work: Replacement of indoor and outdoor signaling gears in connection with Electronic Interlocking at KURGUNTA Station of Secunderabad Division in South Central Railway.
Approximate value: ₹ 6974014.49
Period of completion: 15 months

Note: To please see Corrigendum No.3 issued on Dated 22.08.2023 from the website.
Please visit Indian Government tender Portal Website www.ireps.gov.in for all particulars including Full Description of the work, tender conditions, eligibility criteria and details, downloading of tender document of the above works.
Deputy Chief Signal & Telecom Engineer (Projects), Secunderabad
For further tender conditions / details and for downloading the tender documents, please visit website at www.ireps.gov.in
<http://www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in>

FORM NO. 14
(See Regulation 33(2))
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE, DEPT. OF FINANCIAL SERVICES,
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - 2
BANGALORE,
BSNL Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhawan Road, Bangalore - 560001
RC No: 247/2019
Punjab National Bank
Ramanagara Branch,
No. 1607/68 BM Road, Vivekananda Nagar, Ramanagara-562 159
Applicant Bank/Certificate Holder
Versus
M S F K Enterprises
Certified Debtor(s)/Defendants
DEMAND NOTICE
1. M/s F.K. Enterprises,
A Proprietary concern,
Represented by its proprietor
Mr Fairouz Khan
At no 1301/1210, Troopline Road, Ramanagara - 562 159
Certified Debtor(s)/Defendants(s)
In view of the Recovery Certificate issued in OA/1000/2017 passed by the Hon'ble Presiding Officer, DRT, Bangalore dated 05/04/2019 an amount of Rs.11,13,201/- (Rupees Eleven Lakhs Thirteen Thousand Two Hundred One Only) is due against you along with interest and costs from date of filing of O.A.s till realization of the Recovery Certificate.
In addition to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay all charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.
You are hereby called upon to deposit the amount within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules.
Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on **28th day of June 2019.**
Sd/-
Recovery Officer-1
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-2
BANGALORE
Note : Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 which is reproduced below:
"Rule16(1) where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debts Recovery Officer, nor shall any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money.
2) Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment".
3)You are also liable to disclose your assets both movable and immovable to this Tribunal along with the Income Tax Returns of last 5 year.

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Punjab National Bank
Ramanagara Branch,
No. 1607/68 BM Road, Vivekananda Nagar, Ramanagara-562 159
Applicant Bank/Certificate Holder
Versus
1. Mr.Srikanth R
S/o Rangaswamy Rajendran
Aditya Tussar Apartments, Hosur Road, Behind Maruthi Chambers
Rupena Agrahara, Bangalore-560 068
2.Mrs. Vimaladevi Selvarajan
W/o Mr.Srikanth R
Aditya Tussar Apartments, Hosur Road, Behind Maruthi Chambers
Rupena Agrahara, Bangalore-560 068
Certified Debtor/Defendants
DEMAND NOTICE
1. Mr.Srikanth R
S/o Rangaswamy Rajendran
Aditya Tussar Apartments, Hosur Road, Behind Maruthi Chambers
Rupena Agrahara, Bangalore-560 068
In view of the Recovery Certificate issued in OA No.1409/2018 passed by the Hon'ble Presiding Officer, DRT, Bangalore on dated 05/04/2019 an amount of Rs.17,57,393.16 (Rupees Seventeen Lakh (s) Fifty Seven Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Three And Paise Sixteen Only) is due against you along with interest and costs from date of filing of O.A.s till realization of the Recovery Certificate.
In addition to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay all charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.
You are hereby called upon to deposit the amount within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules.
Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on **13th day of March 2020.**
Sd/-
Recovery Officer-1
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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE NO. 32/MY/2023 of 18-08-2023
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following work:

Item of work	Approx. Value
Sub Work-I:- Chikjajur RA.9.15.55.220/- Rayadurga Section: TRR (P) of exg. 52kg/90UTS Rails with new 60kg - 110 UTS Rails From Km. 1/000 to 34/000, Km.46/000 to Km.69/100, Km.86/000 to 91/500 for a total length of 61.6Kms. TRR (P) of exg. 60kg/90UTS Rails with new 60kg /110UTS rails from Km. 0/000 to 05/000, Km.34/000 to Km.46/000, Km.69 /000 to 86/000 and from km. 91/500 to km. 130/900 for a total length of 68.80Km.	
Sub Work-II:- Through Fitting Renewal (TFR) from km.0/000 - 1/000, 10/800 - 109/00, 12/400 - 12/500, 13/350 - 13/500, 23/870 - 25/723, 33/990 - 34/135, 36/100 - 105/900 and 115/450 - 130/900 for a total length of 88.60 Kms between Chikjajur-Rayadurga stations.	

Last date for submission of bids: **Up to 11:00 Hrs. on 11-09-2023**
For details log on to: www.ireps.gov.in
Senior Divisional Engineer / Co-Ordination PWB/39AADPWB/SWR/2023-24 Mysuru
f S W Railways | SWRRL | SWRRL

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In addition to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay all charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.
You are hereby called upon to deposit the amount within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules.
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Public are hereby informed that our client intends to purchase the lands described in the schedule hereunder (hereinafter collectively referred as the schedule property) from the respective owners specified therein, who have represented to the absolute owners thereof with uninhabited rights of alienation over the same.
Further hereby informed that our clients **Mr. Gangadhara and Mr. Srinivasa** were earlier executed a MOU in favour of one **Mr. Somashekar**, However the said Somashekar was not complied with the due-diligence as mentioned in MOU, hence my clients was issued a legal notice to him regarding the cancellation of MOU accordingly the MOU executed between my clients and the said Somashekar was stood cancelled.

SCHEDULE PROPERTIES
All the above agriculture Properties are situated at **Kundana Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District** in which are connected to each other.

- Property bearing Sy No. 118/1 to Sy No. 118/15
- Property bearing Sy No. 120/1 to Sy No. 120/3
- Property bearing Sy No. 122/1 to Sy No. 122/2 to Sy No. 123/2
- Property bearing Sy No. 123/1
- Property bearing Sy No. 124
- Property bearing Sy No. 126
- Property bearing Sy No. 127/1 to Sy No. 127/6
- Property bearing Sy No. 128/1 to Sy No. 128/4
- Property bearing Sy No. 129/1 to Sy No. 129/5
- Property bearing Sy No. 130/1 to Sy No. 130/9
- Property bearing Sy No. 131/1 to Sy No. 131/5
- Property bearing Sy No. 132/1 to



QIA to acquire stake in Reliance Retail for ₹8.3K cr

Deal comes as Reliance is considering public listing for RRVL

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

QATAR INVESTMENT AUTHORITY (QIA), the sovereign wealth fund of Qatar, will invest ₹8,278 crore in Reliance Retail Ventures (RRVL), the retail arm of Reliance Industries, to acquire 0.99% stake. The investment will value RRVL, country's largest retailer, at ₹8.28 lakh crore.

In 2020, RRVL had raised ₹47,265 crore from global private equity funds for a 10.09% stake, valuing the firm at over ₹4.21 lakh crore. This was the largest fundraising exercise in the sector at that time. The company had raised funds from Silver Lake, KKR, Mubadala, Abu Dhabi Investment Authority, GIC, TPG, General Atlantic and Saudi Arabia's Public Investment Fund at a valuation of about \$57 billion at that time.

"We look forward to benefitting from QIA's global experience and strong track record of value creation as we further develop RRVL into a world-class institution, driving transformation of Indian retail sector," said Isha Mukesh Ambani, director, RRVL. "The investment by QIA is a strong endorsement of a positive outlook towards Indian economy and Reliance's retail business model, strategy and execution capabilities," she added. RRVL operates retail business with a customer base of 267 million and an omnichannel network of over 18,500 stores and digital commerce platforms.

The deal comes as the Mukesh Ambani-led Group is considering a public listing for RRVL and has started buying back shares in the unit and giving them to their employees as stock options. RRVL is expanding its business here by acquiring companies and getting franchise rights of leading global brands for the Indian market. Its board



had on July 4, 2023, approved a proposal in which shares held by such shareholders shall stand cancelled and extinguished as per the capital reduction plan. QIA will make the investment via its wholly-owned subsidiary. "QIA is committed to support innovative companies with growth potential in India's fast growing retail market. We are looking forward to RRVL, with its strong vision and growth trajectory, joining our growing and divers," said Mansoor Ebrahim Al Mahmoud, CEO, QIA.

TRANSACTION VALUES RRVL AMONG THE TOP 4 COMPANIES BY TOTAL EQUITY VALUE

The investment values RRVL at a pre-money equity value of ₹8.28 L CR

IT RAISED ₹47,625 CR FROM GLOBAL INVESTORS IN 2020

Previous fund-raising in 2020 was done at a pre-money equity value of ₹4.21 L CR

Jio Financial shares hit lower circuit for 3rd consecutive day

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

SHARES of Jio Financial Services, the demerged financial services unit of Reliance Industries, fell by 5% on Wednesday to hit its lower circuit limit for the third day running.

With continuous fall in shares, the market capitalisation has declined by near ₹24,000 crore in three days. The stock has been falling continuously due to heavy institutional selling and offloading by passive funds.

The shares declined 5% to hit

its lower circuit limit of ₹227.25 apiece on the BSE on Thursday, giving it a market capitalisation of ₹1.44 lakh crore. On the NSE, it fell by 5% to hit its lowest trading permissible limit for the day at ₹224.65.

BSE on Tuesday postponed removal of Jio Financial Services from all the S&P BSE indices to August 29. Earlier, the stock was scheduled to be removed from the indices on August 24. If JFS continues to hit lower circuits in next two days, the removal date will be deferred by another three days.

Private investments picking up: FinMin

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

PRIVATE investments have picked up in the first quarter (Q1) of current fiscal, finance ministry has indicated in its latest monthly economic review.

As per the ministry, new investment project announcements by the private sector were highest in Q1 in 14 years. The private sector project announcements during the quarter were up 11.6% against the corresponding period of the previous year. The ministry said that higher capacity utilisation

along with double-digit growth in non-food bank credit signal positive intent of the private sector to undertake fresh investment, going forward.

As per an SBI report, credit uptake has shown a 19.7% growth in FY24 (till July 27). Rating agency ICRA has pointed out that capital expenditure-related external commercial borrowings (ECBs) flows -- for the purpose of modernisation, new projects, and local purchase and imports of capital goods -- jumped to \$13

billion in Q1 FY2024, exceeding \$9.6 billion for the full FY23.

"The gross fixed capital formation (GFCF) in the Q1 of FY24 grew in double digits based on indicators like increased net borrowing by states and private sector and capex spends by the government," says ICRA in a recent statement.

The ministry has highlighted that the production linked incentive (PLI) scheme and emerging sectors like green hydrogen, semiconductors,

wearables, and solar modules are projected to contribute nearly 17% of capex between FY23 and FY27. The ministry noted the healthy balance sheet of private sector, coupled with increased government capex, which is expected to create favorable opportunities for private companies to engage in infrastructure development.

The report also highlighted the significant growth in the capital goods and infrastructure/construction sectors as evidenced by the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) data.

PMO, FinMin resisting pressures to expand PLI scheme to more sectors

DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

THE pressure to expand the production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme to more sectors has been mounting, but the Prime Minister's office (PMO) and the finance ministry has been resisting to it, government sources told this newspaper.

According to sources, several ministries have been pushing for PLI schemes for their respective sectors, many of which are already doing well without support of the scheme.

"We must compliment the PMO and other top levels of the government for keeping such pressures at bay. The general attitude among many ministries has been that their 'constituents' should also get the benefit of the PLI scheme whether they need it or not," said a government official.

The government has allocated ₹1.97 lakh crore for the PLI schemes in 14 sectors. It has disbursed incentives to manufacturers in eight sectors, and the focus is now on six remaining sectors where the scheme has been slow to pick up.

There were talks of expand-

ing the PLI to three more sectors -- new-age e-bikes, toys and footwear. However, the official mentioned above said that it is unlikely that the government would agree to a PLI scheme for toy manufacturers.

"Toy manufacturers asking for PLI does not make sense as the country is already a net exporter of toys," he said.

In 2022-23, India exported toys worth \$521 million compared to imports worth \$421 million. The official said that ministries must understand that it is not easy money. "The amount of ₹1.97 lakh crore is more than three years of MN-REGS allocation. You cannot expect only cash incentives to boost manufacturing in the country," he added.

Meanwhile, the official told this newspaper that the government has no plans to make changes in the PLI scheme for now. The focus, he said, is on effectively implementing the schemes in the 14 identified sectors. Under the PLI scheme, a cash incentive of 4-6% is given to eligible companies on incremental sales of goods manufactured in India. The scheme is for a period of five years.



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Infosys to roll out 80% variable pay to employees for June quarter

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

IT services company Infosys will roll out 80% variable pay on average to its employees for the June quarter of this fiscal.

The variable pay will be disbursed along with this month's salary. This payout comes at a time when Infosys slashed its revenue growth guidance for this fiscal from 4-7% to 1-3.5%, indicating challenging macro headwinds. In an email sent to employees (this newspaper saw a copy of the mail), Infosys said, "We delivered a good performance in Q1, setting a robust foundation for future expansion. We remained committed to helping businesses accelerate their digital journeys and catering to emerging client requirements."

It further said, "By staying focused on our priorities, collaborating closely across teams, and remaining adaptable to changing circumstances, we are confident in settling ourselves up for a productive and optimistic quarter ahead."

The average payout at an organisation level is at 80% for the quarter and individual payout percentages will differ based on individual performance and contribution for the quarter. Last quarter, Infosys had rolled out 60% variable pay on an average. However, the company is yet to announce annual hikes for the employees. During the post-earnings conference, the company's CFO Nilanjan Roy had said, "This is under consideration (hikes) as of now and we are looking at it." IT major Wipro had rolled out a variable payout of 80%. Tata Consultancy Services had rolled out an annual salary increase with effect from April 1. Top executives of the company, after announcing Q1 results, had said that 70% of employees will receive 100% variable pay, and the rest will get it based on business performance.

HCLTech also announced that it will defer salary hikes for employees. Ramachandran Sundararajan, chief people officer, HCLTech, said that this time of the year the company makes announcements on pay reviews.

EXPRESS READ

Baring may sell entire 26% stake in Coforge

BENGALURU: Hulst BV (Baring Private Equity Asia) is likely to sell its entire 26.63% stake in Coforge (formerly NIIT Technologies) via a block deal. The floor price is said to have been fixed at ₹4,550 a share, which is 7.4% discount to the current market price. It is said Baring will sell stake worth over ₹7,000 crore. In 2019, Baring acquired 30% shareholding in Coforge for ₹1,394 a share. ENS

GAIL to invest ₹30K cr to expand LNG supplies

NEW DELHI: GAIL, India's top gas marketing company is planning to invest ₹30,000 crore in next three years to expand and scout for LNG supplies globally. Speaking at the company's annual shareholders meeting, its Chairman Sandeep Kumar Gupta said it is growing steadily, and targets to invest on pipelines, ongoing petrochemical projects, CGD projects, operational capex, equity contribution. ENS

Meesho to digitise 10 million sellers by 2027

BENGALURU: E-commerce marketplace Meesho aims to grow its seller base 10-fold by 2027. The SoftBank-backed company's current seller base is 1.3 million. The company also wants to unlock new opportunities for small, medium, and local enterprises with an annual turnover below ₹40 lakh. According to a recent report by RedSeer, India boasts an estimated 85 million MSMEs, yet only a mere 1.5 million currently operate within the online sphere. This shows the immense untapped potential within this sector. ENS

Starlink to soon provide broadband services in India

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

ELON MUSK's Starlink may soon get the license to bring satellite-based broadband to India. SpaceX, the parent company of Starlink, has applied for the Global Mobile Personal Communication by Satellite (GMPCS) license with the Department of Telecommunication (DoT) last year.

According to people close to the development, the DoT officials are likely to meet on September 20, 2023, to decide on awarding licence to Starlink to operate in the country. "The company has applied for the licence, and its application is under consideration," said a DoT official.

Starlink, which provides its broadband services in 32 countries worldwide, has been trying to enter in India for a very



long time. In 2021, the company started taking pre-orders even before securing any licence. However, DoT warned the company against taking any order before opting to operate in the country. Then the company,

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As per people close to the development, DoT officials are likely to meet on September 20 to decide on awarding licence to Starlink to operate in India. Starlink, which provides broadband services in 32 countries, has been trying to enter in India for a very long time

which had launched over 2,000 low earth orbit satellites, had to refund money to people.

"We didn't want to encourage any company to give services without licenses. We experienced it in the case of skype, we couldn't bring the company into licensing regime. Now, it is out of our ambit, not following any regulation" said the official.

The official said it should be important to bring OTT communication apps like WhatsApp, Signal, Telegram into the licensing regime, not just because of licensing fees but for safety reasons. "If these



MOIL celebrates Independence Day at Chikla mine

Continuing the spirit of maximising celebrations at mine's locations, MOIL celebrated 77th Independence Day of the nation with great enthusiasm and fervour at chikla mines. The Independence Day celebrations began with the hoisting of the national flag by Shri. Ajit Kumar Saxena, CMD, MOIL. He was accompanied by Shri Rakesh Tumane, Director (Finance). Ms. Usha Singh, Director (HR), Shri M M Abdulla, Director (Production & Planning) and other officials. The event witnessed parade by Guards, school students, participation of family members in the entire event of Independence Day.

MCL celebrates I-Day with patriotic fervour

Sambalpur: The 77th Independence Day was celebrated in Mahanadi Coalfields Limited on Tuesday with patriotic fervor and enthusiasm with Chairman-cum-Managing Director (MCL) hoisting the Tricolour at the company headquarters. Shri OP Singh, took salute of the ceremonial parade, which comprised 29 marching contingents. Other dignitaries included Shri Keshav Rao, Director (Personnel); Shri PK Patel, Chief Vigilance Officer (CVO); Shri JK Borah, Director (Technical/Operations); Shri AK Behra, Director (Finance); and Shri AK Bapat, Director (Technical/Projects & Planning).

Smt. Parminder Chopra takes over as Chairman and MD of PFC

Smt. Parminder Chopra has been appointed as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD), of Power Finance Corporation Limited (PFC) by Govt. of India w.e.f. 14th August, 2023.

Previously she was holding the additional charge of Chairman and Managing Director (CMD), w.e.f. 01.06.2023 and was Director (Finance), PFC since 01.07.2020. With this, Smt. Chopra becomes the first woman to lead India's largest NBFC, PFC. During her term as Director (Finance), she spearheaded the Finance Division, leading to highest Net Profit, highest Net worth and lowest NPA levels. Such

robust financial performance has facilitated PFC getting the highest status of "Maharatna". She had played a key role in successful implementation of INR 1.12 trillion liquidity infusion scheme (LIS) for power distribution sector.

Business & Beyond



Jindal Steel & Power celebrates Independence Day with fervent display of patriotism

Angul: Jindal Steel & Power (JSP), located in Angul, commemorated the 77th Independence Day with a fervent display of patriotism. Mr. Bimlendra Jha, Managing Director of JSP, unfurled tricolor flag at the premises of O.P. Jindal School in presence of Mr. Hridayaswar Jha, Executive Director In-charge; Mr. Damodar Mittal, Executive Director; school teachers and staff, students, other departmental heads, employees along with their family members, and members of the community. Addressing the audience under the theme "Nation First, Always First," Mr. Bimlendra Jha conveyed the Independence Day message of Mr. Naveen Jindal, Chairman of JSP, and urged every member of the workforce to draw inspiration from Triranga and contribute their utmost to the company's growth and the nation's progress.



TVS LAUNCHES 2ND EV

TVS Motor on Wednesday launched its premium electric vehicle 'X' to appeal gen-Z buyers and showcase its Research & Development prowess. Priced at ₹2.50 lakh, the bike will hit road by November in India and it will export to global markets such as Europe. Speaking at the launch, Sudarshan Venu, managing director, TVS Motor Company, said, "It has been designed for the global citizens, who are trendsetters and visionaries with a passion for technology. It is set to inspire a shift towards premium yet sustainable and technologically advanced mobility solutions. It leads the way to become a global benchmark for a machine that is born electric. TVS X embodies innovation with a disruptive mindset. It has sustainability at its core and embodies the next era of clean mobility."

WESTERN RAILWAY**DESIGN, SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, TESTING AND COMMISSIONING OF MULTI SECTION DIGITAL AXLE COUNTER**

Senior Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer (South), 2nd Floor, Divisional Railway Manager's Office, Mumbai Central, Mumbai-400 008 invites E-Tender No. SG_217_2_72 WA Edt-22/08/2023. Department: Signal & Telecom, Work and location: Design, Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Multi Section Digital Axle Counter in connection with the work of Replacement of ALSTOM Audio Frequency Track Circuit (AFTC) by Multi Section Digital Axle Counters (MSDAC) in Dahanu Road- Sanjan Automatic Signalling Section of Mumbai Division Western Railway. Approx. Cost of Work: ₹10,52,96,223.20/- Particulars of office where E-tender will open: As mentioned above. Earnest Money / Bid Security: ₹ 6,76,500/-, Type of Tender: Open E-Tender. Time & Date for closure for submission of E-Tender Documents: At 15.00 hrs. on 15.09.2023. Time & Date for opening of E-Tender: At 15.30 hrs. on 15.09.2023. The tender can be viewed at web site <http://www.reps.gov.in>. 0552

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PUBLIC NOTICE

It is brought to the notice of the General Public that my client Mr. MANOHARA, aged about 80 years, S/o Late Sri B.K. Pillai. PAN: BFVPM5965B, Aadhar Card No. 7996 9906 4036, R/At No.232, Hanumanpura Road, New Thippasandra, Bangalore - 560075, has irrevocably lost/misplaced the valid registered of Sale Deed dated 13/06/1973, registered on dated 11/07/1973, registered as document No.1657/1973-74, Book-I, registered before the office of the Sub-Registrar, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, in respect of All that piece and parcel of the undersigned Property bearing Site No.15, E-Katha No.235, Old No.605/211, Old PID No.63-204-235, Old HASS Katha No.110/235, Property No.47/1, situated at Hanumanpura Road, New Thippasandra Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, presently under the administrative jurisdiction of BBMP, measuring East to West 45 feet, and North to South 40 feet, totally measuring 1800 Sq.Feet, and bounded on East by: Road; West by: Murreydy (or) Munimajappa Layout; North by: Site No.16, South by: Site No.14.

The said property is absolutely free from all sorts of encumbrances; in this regard a complaint has also been lodged before the jurisdictional Police Station at White Field, Bangalore.

Any other Persons having any claim, charge, interest, right over the said property may lodge their objections/claims with documentary evidences within 7 days from this day to the undersigned. The finder of the aforesaid original Cancellation of sale deed is requested to hand it over to the aforesaid owner.

SNR ASSOCIATES, Advocates,

Fiat No.402, Fourth Floor,

"Samayyasa K.K. Veni Plaza"

B.Narasimhaiah, White Field Main Road,

Bangalore - 560016. Nagaraja:9164134828

Owner Mobile No:9844345457

KONKAN RAILWAY CORPORATION LIMITED
(A Government of India Undertaking)

TENDER NOTICE

Open tender is invited through Indian Railway E-Procurement System (IREPS) for "Supply Installation Wiring Testing & Commissioning of Signalling system including all Indoor and Outdoor Signalling works at existing Thokur Station (Replacing Panel Interlocking with Electronic Interlocking) and at Jokatte Station (Provision of Object Controller) incidental to Jokatte - Thokur Doubling project (1.98 Km) of Southern Rly..".

Tender Notice No.KR-KAWR-SG-ET-2023-06 Dated 28.08.2023. Cost of work: ₹ 7,49,82,938/- (excluding GST). Last date & time for submission of bids: 29.08.2023 up to 15:30 Hrs. For further details please visit website: www.ireps.gov.in Place: Office of Sr. Regional Signal & Telecom Engineer, Konkarn Railway Corporation Ltd., Shirwad, Karwar-581306 (Karnataka State).

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that my clients have agreed to purchase the Schedule Property from its Owners namely, **Smt.C.N.Padmavathi and Sri.Raghavappa Krishna Murthy**, residing at No.129, 2nd Main, 1st Cross, Muneshwara Layout, D C Halli Main Road, Madivala, Bangalore - 560068.

Apart from the said Owners, if any other person/s have any manner of right, title and or interest or claim or charge or lien over the Schedule property or otherwise have any lawful objection/s for sale of the Schedule Property by the aforesaid Owners, they are hereby called upon to file their objection/s in writing, along with the photocopies of documents on which they rely, with the undersigned, within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Municipal No.35 (BDA Site No.35), PID No.65-45-35, measuring East to West 18.28 Metres and North to South 24.38 Metres, totally measuring 445.67 Sq.Metres with a commercial building thereon comprised of Basement, Ground and Six Upper Floors, situated at B.T.M. 1st Stage, 1st Phase, Bangalore and bounded as follows:

East by : Site No.34
West by : Site No.36
North by : Road
South by : Site No.02

Sd/- S.F. Goutam Chand
Advocate
Goutam Associates
No.60, 2nd Floor, Kanakapura Road, Basavanagudi, Bangalore - 560 004

J C ROAD BRANCH
4/2, CTC Road, Behind LIC Building, Near Sharada Talkies, Bangalore-560002

To M/S A R Enterprises, Mantia Village, Amruthpur, Yediyur Hobli, Kunigal (T) And Mr Azhar Pasha S/o Mr. Altaf Pasha (proprietor), 61/4, 7th C Cross Vinayak Nagar, Near Sujat Tent, Bangalore - 560026

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of movable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described movable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Union Bank of India (a secured Creditor) will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "whatever there is" on the date mentioned below, for recovery of dues as mentioned hereunder to **Union Bank of India** the Earnest Money Deposit are also mentioned hereunder:

Name and address of the Secured Creditor : Union Bank of India [erstwhile Corporation Bank] Kanasawadi Branch, Kanasawadi PO, Doddaballapur Taluk, Bangalore Rural District-561203.

Name and address of the Borrower, Co-Applicant and Guarantor: Borrowers: 1) Mr. Shivanna (Borrower / Mortgagee), S/o C Anjanappa, Gadigarapalya, Doddaballapur Taluk, Bangalore Rural District-561203. 2) Mrs. Byramma (Co-obligant /Mortgagee/Guarantor) : W/O A Shivanna, Gadigarapalya, Kanasawadi Post, Doddaballapur Taluk, Bangalore Rural District-561203. 3) Mrs. P. Renukamma W/o Byregowda, H NO. 156, 4th Main, Nagasandra PO, Bangalore-560073.

Amount due: Amount due: Rs.8,68,899/- (Rs. Eight Lakh Sixty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Nine Only) as on 13 Oct 2022 and future interest costs/expenses thereon

Description of immovable secured assets to be Sold : All that piece and parcel of residential site and building bearing Site No. 188/82, New Khatna No. SI No. 188, Old Sy No. 82 Property No. 15030030909090107, situated at Gadigarapalya Channa Devi Agrahara Grama Panchayath, Madure Hobli, Doddaballapur Taluk. Land admeasuring 3552 Sq.ft. together with residential building comprising of Ground Floor and First Floor and Built up area of 1023 Sqft, bounded on:- East : Vacant Land, West : Property of Amamath, North: Road, South: Property of Amamath.

Date and time of E-Auction: 26.09.2023 BETWEEN 11 AM TO 2 PM (with 10 min unlimited auto extensions) E-auction website-www.mstcecommerce.com.

Last date for submission of EMD : On or before 25.09.2023 commencement of eAuction Reserve price: Rs.57,00,000/-

Earnest Money to be Deposited: Rs. 5,70,000/- as 10% of Reserve Price

For Detailed terms and condition of the sale, please refer to the link provided in (1) <https://www.ibapi.in> (2) www.unionbankofindia.co.in

The intending purchaser require to register through: <https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auction/home/ibapi/index.jsp>

The online E-auction will be held through website: sarfaesi.unionbankofindia.com.

For E-auction Related queries Please contact : 8921848749

Date : 23.08.2023 Place: Kanasawadi Sd/- Authorised Officer Union Bank of India.

Canara Bank
(A Government of India Undertaking)

Lavelle Road Branch : No 20, Eden Park Bangalore - 560021. Phone No: 9483520887. e-mail id : cb0887@canarabank.com.

DEMAND NOTICE TO BORROWER / GUARANTOR / MORTGAGOR

Notice issued under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

To, Borrower : 1. M/S Citrance Foods and Hospitality LLP, Registered Office : No 8, 11th Main, 3rd block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru - 560011 Represented by its Partners Smt Roopa Amit Shekar and Smt Sheela Shekar Devi 2. Smt. Roopa Amit Shekar, Aged About 46 Yrs, W/o Shri. Amith Shekar 3. Smt. Sheela Shekar, Aged About 57 Yrs, W/o Shri. C. Ravikumar Gunashekar Both are at: No 34, 1st Cross, C S I Compound, Mission Road, Bengaluru - 560027.

That you, M/S Citrance Foods and Hospitality LLP represented by its Partners Smt Roopa Amit Shekar and Smt Sheela Shekar Devi (hereinafter referred to as "the Borrower and Co Borrower"), Smt Roopa Amit Shekar and Smt Sheela Shekar Devi (hereinafter referred to as "the Partner's") has availed Credit Facility against which there are outstanding liabilities as mentioned below. We had called upon you to clear the entire liabilities for the loans borrowed from our Lavelle Road Branch.

You have committed default in repayment of loans as mentioned below and the loans were classified as Non Performing Assets on 20-03-2023. The Bank through this notice brings to your attention that you have failed and neglected to repay the said dues/ outstanding liabilities and hence hereby demand you under Section 13(2) of the Act, by issuing this notice to discharge in full the liabilities of the Borrower as stated in hereunder to the Bank within 60 days from the date of receipt of this notice. The notice under Sec.13(2) of the Act sent to you by Post. Ack. Due on 29.03.2023 was not acknowledged by you.

Further, it is brought to your notice that you are also liable to pay future interest at the rate together with all costs, charges, expenses and incidental expenses with respect to the proceedings undertaken by the Bank in recovering its dues.

Please take note of the fact that if you fail to repay to the Bank the aforesaid sum of Rs. 1,30,51,308 (Rupees One crore thirty lakhs Fifty One thousand Three hundred and Eight only) together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs as stated above in terms of this notice under Section 13(2) of the Act, The Bank will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub-section 4(a) and (b) of Section 13. You are hereby restrained from dealing with any of the secured assets detailed below in terms of Section 13(13).

Your attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Sl. No.	Loan No	Nature of Loan	Liability with interest as on date 24.03.2023	Rate of Interest (with 2 % penal interest)
1.	170002239148	Term Loan	Rs.1,09,69,252.00	11.65%
2.	125002355382	CCC/CDD	Rs.20,82,056.00	11.05%
Total			Rs.1,30,51,308.00	

Details of Security Assets:
Immovable : EMT of all that piece and parcel of property bearing BMM No 34 (Portion of earlier Site Revenue Officer's No.30, thereafter No. 23), situated at 1st Cross, CSI Compound (Previously called as Methodist Mission Compound "Chislehurst"), Bangalore, measuring East to West 25 feet and North to South 44 feet, in all measuring 1,100 Square Meters, along with a house having a build up area of 900 Square Feet within administrative jurisdiction of War No. 48 Sudhamanagar, BMM, Bangalore and assigned PID No. 48-88-34, Bounded on the: **East By :** New Twin House, **West By :** Late Kantharaj's Property, **North By :** Devadas's manor and **South By :** Proposed Road facing the park. **Name of the Title Holder : Smt Sheela Shekar Devi.**

Possession Notice Dated 17.06.2023 stands withdrawn

Place : Bangalore Authorised Officer
Date : 23.08.2023 Canara Bank

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1-BENGALURU
BSNL Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore-560001

DRC No: 1234/2019

Syndicate Bank, Kempapura Branch, Mariyanapalya Kempapura, Bengaluru - 560 024. Versus ...Certificate Holder

M/s. Alsun Industrial Enterprises ...Certificate Debtor(s)

DEMAND NOTICE

To M/s. Alsun Industrial Enterprises, Represented By its Proprietor Mr. Manoj Kumar S/o. Sri. Badcho Singh, No.11, Shiva Kripa Shivanya Palya Layout, Near Coffee Board Layout, Kaveri Extension Dasarahalli, Bengaluru-560 024.

In view of the Recovery Certificate issued in O.A No.1505/2015 passed by the Hon'ble Presiding Officer, DRT, Bengaluru on 16/12/2019 an amount of Rs. 18,90,459/- (Rupees Eighteen Lakh Ninety Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Nine Only) is due against you along with interest and costs from date of filing of O.A.s till realization.

You are hereby called upon to deposit the above sum within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules.

In addition to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay:

a) Such interest as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the execution proceedings.

b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this 02nd day of JAN 2020.

Sd/- RECOVERY OFFICER-II,
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I, BENGALURU

Note: Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 which is reproduced below: "Rule 16(1) where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debts Recovery Officer, nor shall any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money. 2) Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment."

BRANCH : KANASWADI
Kanasawadi Po,doddaballapur Taluk, Bangalore Rural District- 561203
Phone No. 08027653232
E-Mail: ubin0900923@unionbankofindia.bank

Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Property

E-Auction Sale Notice for 30 days Sale of immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Union Bank of India (a secured Creditor) will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "whatever there is" on the date mentioned below, for recovery of dues as mentioned hereunder to **Union Bank of India** the Earnest Money Deposit are also mentioned hereunder:

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Date and time of E-Auction: 26.09.2023 BETWEEN 11 AM TO 2 PM (with 10 min unlimited auto extensions) E-auction website-www.mstcecommerce.com.

Last date for submission of EMD : On or before 25.09.2023 commencement of eAuction Reserve price: Rs.57,00,000/-

Earnest Money to be Deposited: Rs. 5,70,000/- as 10% of Reserve Price

For Detailed terms and condition of the sale, please refer to the link provided in (1) <https://www.ibapi.in> (2) www.unionbankofindia.co.in

The intending purchaser require to register through: <https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auction/home/ibapi/index.jsp>

The online E-auction will be held through website: sarfaesi.unionbankofindia.com.

For E-auction Related queries Please contact : 8921848749

Date : 23.08.2023 Place: Kanasawadi Sd/- Authorised Officer Union Bank of India.

RAIL COACH FACTORY KAPURTHALA

On-line tenders are invited by PCMM, RCF on behalf of President of India for following items:-

Sr. No.	Tender No. & Due Date	Description	Qty./Nos./ Sets	EMD (₹)
1.	12231291 18.09.2023	Set of Retention Tank Mounting Arrangement For 3-Phase MEMU Coaches	102 Set	4,29,690/-
2.	12231300 15.09.2023	Arrangement of UIC Rubber Vestibule	429 Numbers	5,31,520/-
3.	05231248 18.09.2023	Cattle Guard Assembly for MEMU 3PH Coach	50 Numbers	52,510/-
4.	01231175 21.09.2023	Protective Tube Complete	3813 Nos.	53,090/-
5.	05231256 18.09.2023	Set of T M Duet	110 Sets	1,42,780/-
6.	05231316 18.09.2023	Cross Member (Two Types)	12308 Nos	5,52,460/-
7.	05231280 20.09.2023	1. Battery Box Mounting 2. Battery Box Assly	1082 Nos 634 Nos	8,09,100/-
8.	02231159 25.09.2023	Eight Types of Thin Walled Flex Elast Cable in 1.5 Sqmm	2870500 Mtrs	13,29,360/-
9.	02231207 21.09.2023	Ten Types of Thin Walled Flex Elast Cable In 25 Sqmm	205900 Mtrs	14,00,810/-
10.	02231223 18.09.2023	Ten Types of Thin Walled Flex Elast Cable in 50 & 70 Sqmm	82500 MTRS	10,33,260/-
11.	05231330 20.09.2023	Set of Carline	94 Set	1,48,760/-
12.	05231349 18.10.2023	Horizontal Member (Two Types)	6800 Nos	93,160/-
13.	05231354 11.10.2023	Bracket	13123 Nos	1,57,520/-
14.	05231341 20.09.2023	Set of Channel Assly	501 Set	1,94,090/-
15.	05231310 20.09.2023	Transition Return Duct Complete (Two Types)	3749 Nos	2,85,110/-
16.	05231352 25.09.2023	Cab Door Assly	58 Set	95,830/-
17.	05231318 25.09.2023	Frame Complete	839 Nos	60,090/-
18.	07231088 20.09.2023	Set of Pipe and Fittings of Control Equipment for 3-Phase MEMU DMC & TC Coaches as per Drawing MPBGCEDMC3PH Ver.0	269 Set	4,31,690/-
19.	07231219 09.10.2023	Assembly of Special Hammer Head Screw M8x30, as per Drg. LW44373 Alt 'c'	292000 Nos	50,220/-

(1) For details and making On-line tenders, visit website: <http://ireps.gov.in> Drawings/specifications, wherever required can be downloaded from RCF website: <http://www.rcf.indianrailways.gov.in>. Class II/b digital signature certificate required for on-line biddings, can be obtained from licensed certifying agencies listed at <http://www.cce.gov.in>. (2) Tenders will close at 14.25 hrs. on due date and will be opened at 14.30 hrs. Tenders Sr. No. 1 & 2 will be opened at RCF, Kapurthala and Sr. No. 3 to 19 will be opened at Tilak Bridge, New Delhi. (3) For queries, contact IREPS helpdesk at 011-24102855, 011-24105180 or RCF helpdesk at 011-23370897, 011-23378658.

NOTE: GST Number of RCF is 03AAGM0289C1ZT. All the suppliers are advised to quote this in dispatch documents for the supplies made by them.

PCMM
No.: G-RCF/122/Store/78/2023-24 Dated: 23.08.2023

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A Government of India Undertaking

Support Services Department, Central Office - Annexe, Mangaladevi Temple Road, Pandeshwar, Mangaluru - 575 001 Tele-0824-2861386/786

TENDER FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSULTANT THROUGH OPEN TENDER FOR ESTABLISHING OF ON-GRID ROOF TOP SOLAR POWER PLANT AT SIX (06) NOS BANK'S OWN BUILDINGS UNDER CO ANNEXE MANGALURU.

Tender Ref No. CO/MNG-ANX/SSD/22/2023-24/ Consultant Date:24/08/2023

Union Bank of India invites sealed bids for the subject works. For full details and tender please log on to Bank's website www.unionbankofindia.co.in and govt. portal www.eprocure.gov.in. Last date for submission of sealed bids is 3.00 p.m. on 08.09.2023 at Bank's CO Annexe, Mangaluru.

Date: 24.08.2023 CHIEF MANAGER

39th ADDL CITY CIVIL SESSION JUDGE
IN THE COURT OF CITY CIVIL JUDGE, AT BANGALORE
P & S C No. 356 / 2023

BETWEEN:

1) Mr. Hemant Joshi, S/o. Late Bhuvan Chandra Joshi, Aged about 53 years Residing at 1722, Laramie Drive, Powell Ohio - 43065, USA

2) Renu Tewari, S/o. Late Bhuvan Chandra Joshi, Aged about 52 years Residing at A 202, Lunkad Orchids Viman Nagar, Pune, Maharashtra- 411014

3) Lalitha Joshi, D/o. Late Bhuvan Chandra Joshi, Aged out 50 years Residing at 650, 'C' Block, 1st Main, AECS Layout, Kundanahalli, Bangalore - 560037

The Petitioner Nos.1 to 3 are Represented by their Special Power of Attorney Holder Mr. Kishor Joshi S/o. Late Bhuvan Chandra Joshi

4) Mr. Kishor Joshi, S/o. Late Bhuvan Chandra Joshi, Aged about 49 years 650, 'C' Block, 1st Main, AECS Layout, Kundanahalli, Bangalore- 560037. ...Petitioners

AND ...Respondent

Whereas, the above named has made petition to this court under section 372 of Indian Succession Act for the grant of Succession Certificate in favour of the Petitioners in respect of schedule mentioned below. The below mentioned schedule has held by Late. Bhuvan Chandra Joshi father of Petitioners herein who expired on 05/01/2021.

Interested parties are hereby called upon to appear before this court in person or by pleader duly instructed on 12/09/23 at 11 a.m., inform to show cause against the Petitioners falling wherein the appearance will be heard and declared as Ex-parte.

SCHEDULE EX-PARTE

I) Savings Accounts held by Late Mr. Bhuvan Chandra Joshi

Sl. Nos.	Bank / Post Office	Account Nos.	Amounts available (Rs.)
1.	Punjab National Bank, HAL, Vimanapura Branch, Old Airport Road, Bangalore - 560017	SB A/c No.12680101000 52727	15,175.74
2.	State Bank of India, AECS Layout Branch, Kundanahalli, Bangalore- 560037	SB A/c No.20020877115	17,432.50
3.	Karnataka State Co-Operative Apex Bank Ltd., Shivajinagar Branch, Bangalore - 560001	SB A/c No.2014610	6,971.73
4.	Citi Bank, M.G. Road Branch, Bangalore - 560001	SB A/c No.5-151183-807	8,22,890.40
5.	HDFC Bank Ltd., Old Airport Road Branch, Bangalore	SB A/c No.00751000016 424	1,34,087.32
6.	HDFC Bank Ltd., Old Airport Road Branch, Bangalore	SB A/c No.00751570004 314	4,571.70

II) Details of the Fixed Deposits

Sl. Nos.	Bank	Account Nos.	Amounts available (Rs.)
1.	State Bank of India, AECS Layout Branch,Kundanahalli, Bangalore - 560037	00000032315955 221	63,926.00
2.	State Bank of India,AECS Layout Branch,Kundanahalli, Bangalore - 560037	31278130862	Principal amount invested Rs.21,332 alongwith interest

III) Shares Certificates

Sl. Nos.	Company	Units	Account Nos.
1.	Unit Trust of India, M.G. Road, Bangalore	100 of Rs.1000 face value	303807149
2.	Unit Trust of India, M.G. Road, Bangalore	87.697	Unit Certificate No.3039702000196 17
3.	Unit Trust of India, M.G. Road, Bangalore	876.970	Unit Certificate No.3039600100132 63
4.	Unit Trust of India, M.G. Road, Bangalore	100	Unit Certificate No.3039500100180 51
5.	Dharani Finance Ltd., No.1, Venus Colony, 2nd Street, Alwar Pet, Madras-600018	100	Certificate No.017873

IV) Investment on Bond
ICICI Ltd., ICICI Towers, BKC, Mumbai - 400051, Bond Nos.334487-334488.

V) Details of Mutual Funds
Late Mr. Bhuvan Chandra Joshi had Accounts with HDFC Bank Ltd., Citi Bank and Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd., through which he had invested certain amounts on Mutual Funds, the details are as below.

Sl. Nos.	Folio Nos.	Units	Amount (Rs.)
1.	11199359/07 (HDFC Hybrid Equity Regular Plan Growth)	9776.071	7,99,252.46 as 26th September 2022
2.	41771 (Indiabret Piramal Fund Scheme - 4) (Piramal Fund Management)	4548447800	Committed Value Rs.4,54,844.78
3.	7991 8983 355 - Mirae Asset Large Cap Fund- Regular Growth Plan	Growth 9,585.00	Rs.7,44,254/-
4.	144130/36-DSP Mutual Fund	17,905.3	Rs.63,69,377/-
5.	144130/36-DSP Flexi Cap Fund-Regular Plan - Growth	90,542.8	Rs.57,88,764/-
6.	3001850513-Edelweiss US Technology Equity FOF- Growth	77,422.7	Rs.9,75,216/-
7.	1682410/68-Kotak Mutual Fund	50,084.3	Rs.26,40,643/-
8.	1018317561-Aditya Birla Sun Life Frontline Equity Fund Growth Regular Plan	2389.344	Rs.8,04,850.53
9.	91053637082- Axis Blue Chip Fund Regular Growth	42595.123	Rs.18,42,239.16
10.	20494577 - Franklin India PRIMA Fund Growth	498.805	Rs.7,55,131.56
11.	1980354-ICICI Prudential Focused Equity Fund Growth	0.026	Rs.1.29
12.	1980354-ICICI Prudential Focused Equity Fund Growth	0.008	Rs.0.80
13.	9089150-ICICI Prudential Multi Asset Fund Growth	1,817.054	Rs.8,13,602.83
14.	9093683-ICICI Prudential Multipac-Fund Growth	1,693.193	Rs.7,62,817.31
15.	8739816-ICICI Prudential Value Discovery Fund Growth	0.064	Rs.16.46
16.	9088735-ICICI Prudential Value Discovery Fund Growth	0.686	Rs.176.47
17.	11340545-ICICI Prudential Value Discovery Fund Growth	6,191.315	Rs.15,92,653.87
18.	7749750-Kotak ESG Opportunities Fund Growth (Regular Plan)	99,995.00	Rs.11,35,043.25
19.	3751201-Kotak Emerging Equity Fund Growth (Regular Plan)	15,699.573	Rs.11,86,887.72
20.	3727470-Kotak Emerging Equity Fund Growth (Regular Plan)	15,439.247	Rs.11,67,207.07
21.	3742389-Kotak Emerging Equity Fund Growth (Regular Plan)	2,444.108	Rs.1,84,774.56
22.	3760964-Kotak Emerging Equity Fund Growth (Regular Plan)	2,380.941	Rs.1,79,999.14
23.	66911329-Kotak Emerging Equity Fund Growth (Regular Plan)	4,509.617	Rs.3,40,927.05
24.	3908609-Kotak Emerging Opportunity Fund Growth (Regular Plan) (Erstwhile Kotak Opportunities)	4,099.033	Rs.8,21,269.95
25.	1682410 - Kotak Flexicap Fund Growth (Regular Plan) (Erstwhile Kotak Standard Multipac Fund Gr)	50,084.260	Rs.26,07,887.42
26.	5923050 - Kotak Flexicap Fund Growth (Regular Plan) (Erstwhile Kotak Standard Multipac Fund-Gr)	34,567.256	Rs.17,99,917.02
27.	5923050 - Kotak Pioneer Fund Growth (Regular Plan)	30,000.000	Rs.5,16,390.00

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

MAGNUS Carlsen, still facing the effects of being indisposed a few days ago, settled for a quick, unambitious draw with white pieces in the second of the two-game World Cup final against R Pragganandhaa. This means that the final will be decided by rapid tiebreaks on Thursday.

Wednesday's final lasted 30 moves but it was over from very early on as the Norwegian played a very safe line suggesting he didn't want to spend too much time on the board. As the game developed, Pragg, who has been involved in three tie-breaks this tournament alone, had also gotten around to that line of thinking.

"I didn't really think that he would go for a quick draw today, but I realised when he went for this line that he wants to make a draw; I was also fine with that," he told FIDE. "I also feel exhausted, as I said in the previous interviews. Now I can just give everything tomorrow and relax after that."

Carlsen said that he is feeling a bit better than Tuesday. He revealed after the first game that he was suffering from food poisoning and felt exhausted. On Wednesday he said he was much better. "Very grateful to the organisers, the doctors and nurses as well. They gave me some good treatments. I am feeling much better but I still didn't feel like I have to energy for a full fight. So I thought just give one more day of rest and come hard tomorrow."

Carlsen, chasing his first World Cup, did hint that he was feeling low. "Pragganandhaa has already played a lot of tiebreaks against very strong players... I know he is very strong. If I have some energy, if I have a good day, obviously I will have good chances," he told FIDE.



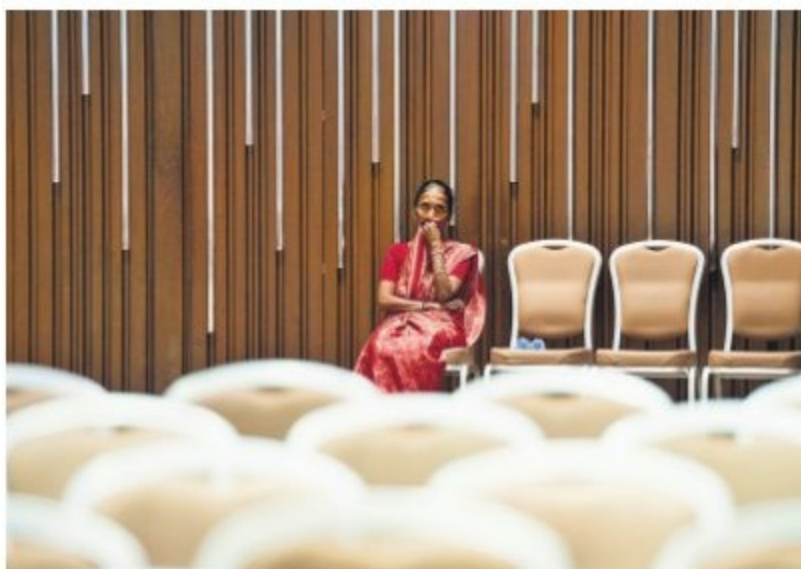
Aynur Sofiyeva, Azerbaijan's first Woman GM, makes the ceremonial first move in the second game between Magnus Carlsen & R Pragganandhaa | PTI

Set for epic conclusion after yet another truce

Pragg and Carlsen shake hands after 30 moves in second game of ongoing World Cup final; World No 1 happy to draw again

es," he told FIDE.

For Pragganandhaa this has been a sensational run. He beat World NO 2 Hiraaku Nakamura and then world No 3 Fabiano Caruana in the semifinals. He has played some great tie-breaks and like he said after the semifinals he felt a bit exhausted too. The Chennai boy who turned 18 during the tournament also said that it is good to see so much attention being given to the sport and also to himself. "I am definitely getting used to this," he told FIDE. "It is good to see so many people following chess and chess is definitely getting popular."



Pragg's mother has been closely following the games on the sidelines

With the final headed into tie-breaks, here's a brief explainer as to what that entails

HOW WILL IT BE DIFFERENT FROM THE TWO CLASSICAL MATCHES?

It's all about time control. While there were Classical games on the first two days (90 minutes for the first 40 moves, with 30 additional minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds for every move from the first move), the players go into rapid time control to decide the winner on the third day

EXPLAIN RAPID?

It's basically a shorter time control. To use a cricket analogy, the players go from Test to ODIs to identify the winner. In the first batch of tie-breaks, they will play 25 minute games with an increment of 10 seconds for each move

WHAT HAPPENS IF THAT'S ALSO A DRAW?

They go into a second batch of tie-breaks, also in rapid, but with even shorter time control (10 minute games with an increment of 10 seconds for each move). If there's no winner, they go to a batch of blitz games where the time control is five minutes for each player with an increment of three seconds for each player. If that also finishes in a draw, they are in sudden death territory — a single three minute game with a two second increment till there's a winner

3 Pragg has featured in three tiebreaks in this tournament (Hikaru Nakamura, Arjun Erigaisi and Fabiano Caruana)

1 Carlsen has played in only one tie-break so far (Vincent Keymer)

Govindaraj first Indian in FIBA central board

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

FIBA Asia President Dr K Govindaraj have been inducted into the The International Basketball Federation's central board for the next four years (2023-27).

Govindaraj became the first Indian to be inducted into the board. Speaking about this honour, Govindaraj said that it is a privilege to be a part of the FIBA Central Board in a statement. "More than that, it is a great responsibility to deliver basketball to millions of youngsters in Asia," the statement read. The FIBA Asia President met with the newly-elected FIBA president Sheikh Saud bin Ali Althani, FIBA secretary general Andreas Zagklis, FIBA Executive Director — Asia Hagop Khajirian and other top



FIBA officials to discuss the way forward to make basketball more popular in Asia, and around the world.

Earlier in April, Govindaraj became the first Indian to hold the post of the FIBA Asia President. Back then, FIBA Executive Director — Asia Khajirian had said that having a person from India as the top guy in Asian basketball would be a huge motivating factor for all stakeholders to put in their best effort.

India women third in junior 4 Nations meet

DUSSELDORF: The Indian junior women's hockey team recorded a 6-2 win against England to finish third at the 4 Nations Tournament — Dusseldorf 2023 here. For India, Neelam (25th minutes), Annu (26', 43'), Sunelita Toppo (35'), Hina Bano (38') and Mumtaz Khan (40') were on target.

EXPRESS READ

Serena gives birth to second child, a daughter

WASHINGTON: Serena Williams has given birth to a baby girl, she posted on Instagram, almost exactly a year after her last match as a tennis star. Adira River Onanian is the second child 'and second daughter' for the 41-year-old Williams and her husband, Reddit co-founder Alexis Onanian.

Third T20I called-off as India seal series 2-0

DUBLIN: With the third T20I between India and Ireland abandoned due to rain on Wednesday, the Jasprit Bumrah-led side signed off the tour with a 2-0 series win. On his comeback series, speedster Bumrah was named the player of the series for his commanding performance in both the games.

Satwik-Chirag, Treesa-Gayatri post victories to advance

AGENCIES @ Copenhagen

THE men's pair of Satwicksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty advanced to the pre-quarterfinals with a comfortable straight-games win over the Australian duo of Kenneth Zhe Hooi Choo and Ming Chuen Lim in the World Championships here on Wednesday. Joining them in the last 16 were the

women's doubles pair of Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand as they produced a solid performance over Chang Ching Hui and Yang Ching Tun of Chinese Taipei. Satwik and Chirag, World No. 2, who had won a maiden bronze in the last edition, produced a clinical display to see off their Australian rivals 21-16, 21-9 in 30 minutes. The reigning Commonwealth

Games champions, who have won four titles this season, will face Indonesia's 10th seeds Leo Rolly Carnando and Daniel Marthin next. Earlier, No. 19, Gayatri and Treesa, who reached the semifinals of the All England Championships in the last two editions, beat Chang and Yang, ranked 37th, 21-18, 21-10 in 38 minutes. The Indian pair, who had re-

ceived a bye in the first round, will face an uphill task against top seed Chinese duo of Chen Qing Chen and Jia Yi Fan in their next round.

Satwik and Chirag hardly broke any sweat as they zoomed to 7-3 before entering the break with a four-point lead. The match hardly witnessed any long rallies as the Indians were cut above their rivals. Satwik

and Chirag maintained the lead after resumption, moving to 15-11 and then 17-13. Chirag eventually sent one down the middle to grab four game points and Satwik sealed the game.

It was a similar story in the second stanza. The women's doubles duo had two contrasting games but matches like these will do them a world of good.

AGENCIES @ Budapest

KENYA'S Faith Kipyegon won a historic third world 1500m gold on Tuesday and although Qatari high jumper Mutaz Essa Barshim missed out on a fourth crown, he became the first man to win five medals in the event. Kipyegon produced an imperious front-running performance to add to her 2017 and 2022 titles, her face creasing in joy as realisation of her feat struck home.

Sifan Hassan never landed a punch and once again, as at the Tokyo Olympics, had to make do with bronze. For Kipyegon, 29, it crowned an annus mirabilis having already broken three world records.

"I told myself, 'You are the strongest and just keep going'," said Kipyegon. "I was

chasing history today and I was chasing this title. I have done it."

Barshim tried to rouse the crowd at the National Athletics Centre as he went for his third and final attempt at 2.36m as the women's 1500m final reached its final stages. But just as the women's race was a bit flat due to Kipyegon's sublime brilliance so Barshim's challenge for a fourth successive world crown ended as a damp squib, the Qatari bowing out at 2.33m. He took bronze whilst victory instead went to the man with whom he shared Olympic gold in Tokyo, Italy's Gianmarco Tamberi (2.36m). "I consider this bronze as history," Barshim said. "In any competition, our ambition is gold and victory, but this is sport. With this bronze, I be-



(From L) Italy's Gianmarco Tamberi (men's high jump), Morocco's Soufiane El Bakkali (men's 3000m steeplechase) & Kenya's Faith Kipyegon (men's 1500m) rejoice after winning gold in their respective discipline | AFP

came the only athlete in the history of the high jump to win five medals in the world championships and I am very proud." There was a repeat

victory in the men's steeplechase.

Morocco's Olympic champion Soufiane El Bakkali left Ethiopia's world record holder

Lamecha Girma trailing as the 27-year-old champion crossed the line in 8min 03.53sec. Kipyegon, Tamberi and El Bakkali then all celebrated by jumping into the steeplechase water jump.

Another Olympic champion, American Valarie Allman, looked downcast as her less celebrated teammate Laulauga Tausaga improved her personal best by more than four metres to win with 69.49m.

Allman improved from her bronze last year to silver but the look on her face suggested it was little consolation.

"I don't know if I have a fairy godmother or something, or my ancestors had some say in it, but I was able to do something tonight that I didn't think was possible yet," said 25-year-old Tausaga.

Aldrin in long jump final, Sreeshankar out

AGENCIES @ Budapest

NATIONAL record holder long jumper Jeswin Aldrin qualified for his maiden World Athletics Championships finals but fellow competitor Murali Sreeshankar made a shock exit at the qualification round after a below-par show here on Wednesday.

Aldrin, who entered the showpiece as season leader with his 8.42m national record effort in March, cleared 8m in his first attempt and fouled his next two jumps. But that was sufficient for him to make it to the 12-man final to be held on Thursday. Those who cleared automatic qualification distance of 8.15m or top 12 from

the two qualification groups made it to the finals. Aldrin, who finished sixth in Group B qualification round, was the 12th best performer overall and made it to the finals as the last qualifier. Sreeshankar had a disappointing series of 7.74m, 7.66m and 6.70m as he finished 12th in Group A qualification round and 22nd overall.

Parul in 3000m SC final

Parul Chaudhary became the second Indian athlete to advance to the final as she finished fifth in the second of the three 3000m SC heats late on Wednesday third. She clocked a personal best of 9:24.29 and managed to hold her own for the vast majority of the race.

Progressive Uttarakhand

Sankalp Naye Uttarakhand ka



“With a focused approach for inclusive growth of the state, the mantra that is being followed is, Reform-Perform-Transform. Uttarakhand has the potential in diverse fields, and the same is being tapped so that it benefits the hardworking youth of the state seeking employment. To promote and develop a conducive ecosystem, investors and stakeholders have our support in all the endeavours and we are working for the states development.”

—Pushkar Singh Dhami,
Chief Minister, Uttarakhand

Acting upon the vision of PM Narendra Modi, CM Pushkar Singh Dhami led government, is surging ahead on all development parameters. The state government is committed to usher in industrial growth, with special focus on MSMEs

Growth agenda powered by double-engine government



To make India self-reliant by promoting local manufacturing, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's idea of Atmanirbhar Bharat seems to be bearing fruit in Uttarakhand. CM Pushkar Singh Dhami, too, has reiterated upon creating local employment opportunities.

So, towards fostering investment and encouraging micro, small, and medium enterprises, the government of Uttarakhand has shaped the MSME Policy 2015 to fit in the scheme of things.

MSMEs are critical in providing inclusive employment generation and their facilitation is top priority for the government. The MSME Policy aims at utilising local resources, generating employment opportunities for people, especially in hill regions, and also promoting self-employment. The policy provides a comprehensive package of incentives as well as other supports for the benefit of the public.

The policy shall remain in effect till June 30, 2023. Enterprises established before January 31, 2015, undergoing expansion/modernisation/ diversification (by way of addition of more than 25% on fixed capital investment), shall also be eligible for Capital Investment Subsidy, Interest Subsidy and Stamp Duty exemption under the scheme. Categorisation of various regions of the state has been done to decide the quantum of fiscal incentive. The state has been divided into five categories for the purpose of quantum of incentives/ subsidies as stated.



“The construction of a developed India for the 21st century rests primarily on two pillars pride in our heritage, and second, every possible effort that is being made towards development. Today, both these pillars are being strengthened by the state of Uttarakhand. This decade surely will be the decade of Uttarakhand.”

—Narendra Modi,
Prime Minister

FISCAL INCENTIVES & CONCESSIONS

Investment Promotion Assistance (capital subsidy): The assistance (capital subsidy) shall be admissible on the fixed capital investment on plant & machinery and factory building/ work. For Category- A, 40% (max up to Rs 40 lakh); for Category B & B+, 35% (max up to Rs 35 lakh); for Category C, 30% (max up to Rs 30 lakh); and for Category D, 15% (max up to Rs 15 lakh).

*Capital investment subsidy shall be available only from one source, either from central government or state government sponsored capital investment subsidy schemes.

CATEGORY	INCLUDED REGION
Category A	Entire districts of Pithoragrah, Uttarkashi, Chamoli, Champawat, Rudrapur and Bageshwar
Category B	- Entire district of Almora - All hilly development blocks of district Pauri Garhwal, Tehri Garhwal. (Excluding regions under category B+) - All hilly development blocks of district Nainital and Dehradun. (Excluding regions under category B+)
*Category B+	- Kotdwar, Sigaddi and adjoining plain regions of Dugadda development block of district Pauri Garhwal - Dhalwala, Muni Ki Reti, Tapovan and adjoining plain regions of Fakot development block of District Tehri Garhwal - Kotabagh development block of district Nainital - Plain regions of Kalsi development block of district Dehradun
Category C	- Regions located above 650 mts from sea level in Raipur, Sahaspur, Vikasnagar and Doiwala development blocks of district Dehradun - Ramnagar and Haldwani development blocks of district Nainital
Category D	- Entire districts of Haridwar and Udham Singh Nagar - Remaining area of district Dehradun and Nainital (which are not included in category B, B+ and C)

Reimbursement of SGST

Reimbursement of the SGST after adjustment of input tax credit on B2C sale of the finished product for category A is 100% for the first 5 years and 90% thereafter; for category B & B+ 100% for the first 5 years and 75% thereafter

Concession of stamp duty on registration of sale deed/ lease deed of land for category A is 100%; for category B & B+ is 100%; category C is 100%; and for category D is 50%

To promote the establishment of private industrial estates in hilly areas, a Special Integrated Industrial Promotion Policy was announced. This policy was proposed to encourage the private participation of the industrial sector

Setting up of industrial areas

In the special integrated industrial promotion policy announced for hilly and remote areas, on a total expenditure incurred on primary infrastructure facilities, like internal roads, drains, lighting etc, a provision of 50 per cent subsidy, up to Rs 50 lakh, was made. This has been done to promote the establishment of private industrial estates in hilly areas.

In view of the expiry of the special industrial package approved by the Government of India, and the limited availability of land for industries in the integrated industrial estates developed by SIDCUL, private participation has been encouraged for the establishment of industrial estates/ areas. The main provisions of this policy are as follows:

- For the establishment of a private industrial estate, it is necessary to have at least 30 acres in the plain area, and at least 2 acres or more, in the hilly area.
- In the private sector, for the development of IT Park/ Biotechnology Park, it is necessary to have a minimum built-up area of 18,000 sqm, as per the prevailing building bye-laws of SIDA.

For private industrial estate/ area, the investor/ promoter will arrange the land from his own resources.

- For the development of industrial estates/ areas, the SIDA/ unified building byelaws will have to be followed, and SIDA will act as the regulatory authority.
- It will be the responsibility of the promoter of the industrial estate to provide infrastructure facilities such as internal roads, drains, lighting, and other common facilities in such industrial estates.
- For the establishment of private industrial estates/ areas, the process of in-principle approval/ regulation will be of two stages. In the first phase, in-principle approval will be given for the establishment of the industrial estate. For the

establishment in the second phase, as per the layout plan approved by SIDA on the acquired land, after submission of completion certificate, a formal notification will be issued.

- For the development of infrastructure facilities outside private industrial estates/ areas, an Infrastructure Development Fund will be created with a fund of Rs 100 crore. This fund will be operated by SIDCUL. In relation to the total capital investment made in the private industrial location, 2 per cent will be given for infrastructure facilities outside the location.
- Under this policy, capital subsidy at the rate of Rs 10 lakh per acre will be given in four phases against the capital investment made on the infrastructure facilities within the locality, and for the establishment of CETP in private industrial localities, fixed capital will be provided. Subsidy will be given up to 40 per cent of the investment, up to a maximum of Rs 1 crore.
- This policy will be applicable from the date of issue of notification and will be effective for the next five years.



The Uttarakhand Logistics Policy-2023

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

- Logistics park, inland container depot, warehouse, truck terminal, logistics vehicle, cold storage etc.
- Development of eco logistics or green logistics/ technology logistics facilities.
- Financial incentive ranging from 10 to 25 per cent on project cost.
- Maximum grant of Rs 8 cr for project cost up to Rs 50 cr, maximum grant of Rs 24 cr for project cost of Rs 50 cr to Rs 150 cr, and maximum grant of Rs 32 cr for project cost above Rs 150 cr.

- For warehousing facility, 5,000 sq ft area with minimum investment of Rs 2.50 cr in hilly area and 10,000 sq ft area required in plain area with minimum investment of Rs 5 cr.
- 45,000 sq ft land required for truck terminal with minimum investment of Rs 5 cr.
- Minimum area for cold storage 5,000 sq ft.

- For warehousing facility, 5,000 sq ft area with minimum investment of Rs 2.50 cr in hilly area and 10,000 sq ft area required in plain area with minimum investment of Rs 5 cr.
- 45,000 sq ft land required for truck terminal with minimum investment of Rs 5 cr.
- Minimum area for cold storage 5,000 sq ft.

TOWARDS ENDORSING ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, PLASTIC HAS BEEN BANNED IN UTTARAKHAND. HERE ARE SOME KEY POINTS FOR ONE-TIME USE OF PLASTIC IN THE STATE

SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BAN: POLICY BOOST FOR SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS

Single-use plastic, be it of any shape - plastic carry bags (with or without handles) of thickness, size and colour and non-woven poly single use bags made of polypropylene, thermocol (polystyrene), polyurethane, styrofoam and the like; disposable cutlery or plastic, such as plate trays, bowls, cups, glasses, spoons, forks, straws, knives, stirrers, etc - the production, purchase, sale, import, storage, use and supply of these have been banned in the state of Uttarakhand. In addition, by notification of the government dated August 12, 2021, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, India, from July 1, 2022, the manufacture, import, storage, distribution, sale and use of expanded polystyrene articles are also prohibited.

By banning the use, storage, manufacturing, buying, and selling of single-use plastic products, production work has stopped in the units engaged in the manufacture of these products in the state. Employment has also been affected by this. With a view to combating plastic waste pollution and eradicating single-use plastic by promoting innovation and entrepreneurship, and to encourage manufacturing of alternative products in the form of substitutes to single-use plastic, financial incentives have been provided in the MSME Policy 2015 (as amended from time to time). Towards giving incentives, this policy has been approved by

the cabinet as well. Following provisions have been made for additional financial incentives:

- INVESTMENT PROMOTION ASSISTANCE:** Fixed capital made in plant and machinery and workshop building of the enterprise. Top-up investment incentive subsidy of 10% (maximum Rs 10 lakh) on investment.
- INTEREST SUBSIDY:** Payable on term loan taken from financial institution/ bank for establishment of enterprises an additional interest reimbursement assistance up to Rs 1 lakh/ annum/ per unit for C category districts, up to Rs 2 lakh/ annum/ per unit for D category districts, (as classified by the MSME policy).
- REIMBURSEMENT OF SGST:** In diversification of existing enterprise or establishment of new enterprise for manufacture of alternative product the total gross SGST to be received by the state government from the SGST chargeable on new plant and machinery reimbursement assistance of 20 per cent (after adjustment of ITC). The benefits of all the above facilities will be available only to those units which have been affected or closed due to the ban order of the Central/ state government.

ODTP: Boosting local products

Taking into account the needs of the people, PM Narendra Modi's idea for sustainable development of rural India aims at espousing local products. The One District Two Products scheme of the Uttarakhand government launched in October 2021, strives to promote and generate self-employment opportunities

PHOTO: DIPR UTTARAKHAND



Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, officials believe that the increase in business and demand will create employment (in packaging, testing, logistics) in the hill state at the local level, while the export of products will also go up. The PM has urged tourists to shell out at least 5% of the total spending to purchase local products. Under Uttarakhand's One District Two Products the local products specific to each district will be identified and two of them will be developed.

The scheme aims to give a boost to traditional manufacturing and the craft industry of the state and help promote them on a

national and international scale. It will also create employment opportunities for local farmers, artisans, craftsmen etc.

Everything, from sweets, snacks, herbal products to brass craft, woolens, etc, is being identified and promoted. Millet biscuits of Bageshwar, handicrafts from Champawat, baked goods and mushrooms from Dehradun, candles from Nainital, honey products from Haridwar, kidney beans from Munsiyari, temple artifacts from Rudrapur are some of the products identified for promotion under the scheme. The products will be developed based on the market demand with the help of modern technology, skill, and design development.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has always emphasised that start-ups are a crucial component of Atmanirbhar Bharat. The Uttarakhand Startup Policy encompasses measures to support and facilitate all the key stakeholders in the start-up ecosystem. The policy contains provision for various incentives and assistance to startups, incubators, mentors, educational institutes, investors etc.

Under the leadership of chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami, the state government has also launched startup official portal as a one-stop interactive platform for innovators, entrepreneurs, incubators, mentors, investors, educational institutes, students, and service providers etc to connect them with each other and keep themselves updated about the startup ecosystem.

After the launch of the Uttarakhand Startup Policy, the growth of the startup ecosystem in Uttarakhand accelerated significantly. From adding the number of startups, to number of incubators, mentor, investors, partners etc, the growth of all key stakeholders has been encouraging.

Key Points of Uttarakhand Startup Policy

- Under the new policy to set up 1,000 startups in five years, the objective is to set up at least one incubation centre in each district



Empowering startups, aiding entrepreneurship

Uttarakhand, once regarded as a late beginner in the startup ecosystem of the country, has seen rapid progress in past three years. While, till the end of the year 2018, there were only 100 startups in the state, the figure had gone beyond 500 by the end of 2021

- To registered startups Rs 15,000 monthly allowance per month, up to one year.
- Startups based on scheduled caste/tribe/tribe/g / transgender or grassroots innovations will get Rs 20,000 monthly allowance
- Registered startups will get up to Rs 10 lakh, one-time seed funding. Startups based on scheduled caste/tribe/g / transgender or grassroots innovations will get up to Rs 12.50 lakh seed funding
- For national patents, per patent Rs 1 lakh
- help and for international patents Rs 5 lakh reimbursement
- Application for trademark and industrial design will invite an assistance of Rs 10,000
- One-time free-of-cost pre-incubation support and incubation assistance
- For the establishment of new incubation centers Rs 1 crore, and for expansion of existing incubation center capital subsidy up to Rs 50 lakh
- For the establishment of enterprise Rs 200 crore fund provision

MEGA INDUSTRIAL POLICIES SPURRING GROWTH

TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE ECONOMY OF THE STATE, THE PUSHKAR SINGH DHAMI LED GOVT HAS EMPHASISED ON THE SETTING UP OF INDUSTRIES IN UTTARAKHAND BY OFFERING INCENTIVES TO ENTREPRENEURS AND INDUSTRIES IN VARIOUS SECTORS

Under the investment policy, there are four categories getting benefits i.e., 7% interest subsidy and SGST concessions of 50% for all projects, except the large project category which has 30% concession. The four categories are:

- Large projects having investments of Rs 50 cr to Rs 75 cr
- Mega projects having investment of Rs 75 cr to Rs 200 cr
- Ultra mega projects having investments of Rs 200 cr to 400 cr
- Super ultra mega projects with investments above Rs 400 cr

Besides this, under the guidance of PM Narendra Modi, the government is backing the industrial sector with power assistance. The industries are reimbursed with Re 1 per unit on the electricity bill for extended period of five years from the start of production. Biotechnology policy is working towards smoothing the process of innovation, development, deployment or commercialisation of new products, processes or services driven by technology or intellectual property.

The focus is on the Mega Food Parks (MFP) and the established units within them.

- 6% interest subsidy (maximum of Rs 4 lakh) for five years
- 100% stamp duty exemption and purchase land and leasing properties
- 1.55/unit for irrigation purpose for food processing units
- 100% exemption on mandi fee on raw materials for a period of five years

ADVERTORIAL



DAY'S DIARY

Windows 95 launch

Windows 95 was launched on this day in 1995, as the first consumer-oriented operating system by Microsoft

THE START BUTTON

The iconic operating system introduced the world to the Start button, which became a fixture on Windows operating systems until the introduction of Windows 8 in 2012



PROJECT O'HARE

In October 1994, Microsoft veteran John Ludwig tasked Sivka's team with developing Project O'Hare, which was the code name for Internet Explorer



HIGHLIGHTS

Windows came up with three most memorable features such as the Start button, MS Paint, Recycle Bin. The taskbar option that got better with updates

Check out what's happening in the city

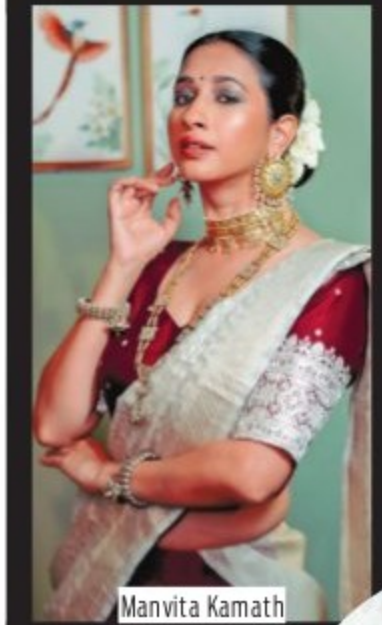
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HABBA VIBES

As we close in on the Varamahalakshmi festival, which is on Friday, Sandalwood celebrities are winding up shoots and decking their homes for the celebration replete with food and family time



Kushi Ravi



Manvita Kamath



Brinda Acharya



Sharmiela Mandre

MONIKA MONALISA

THE festive feel is already in the air as the Varamahalakshmi festival is upon us. People are gearing up with preparations as they look forward to praying for wealth and prosperity. Our Sandalwood celebrities are also no different than us. For example, actor-turned-producer Sharmiela Mandre recently returned from a European holiday with her family and is looking forward to savouring some festive food. "Varamahalakshmi has been one of the more important festivals celebrated in my house since childhood. The

day usually starts with a special puja with prayers and devotional songs – usually performed by the women. Of course, this is one such day where I also look forward to wearing a traditional outfit, gifted by either my dad or my brother. The puja is then followed by a hearty lunch, not to mention the amazing sweets made at home. Obbattu, lemon rice, murukku, masala vada, and payasam are just some of the dishes on the menu," says Mandre.

Actor Kushi Ravi made sure to finish her shoot a few days in advance so that she could be a part of the festival preparations. "We recently moved to a new house, so I haven't been able to set up the place. Now I am busy deep cleaning the house," says Ravi. The ritual she follows every year is almost the same. "We have an idol of goddess Lakshmi installed at home and will be draping a special saree to the idol. Food is definitely there, and obbattu and sajige are a must-have on the menu. After the food is prepared, we do the naivedya, which is food offered to the God, and then family members feast," she explains. For her, evenings are also special. After resting from a massive meal, she and her daughter deck out to meet extended family and friends.

It is going to be a working festival for actor Manvita Kamath, who is currently in Goa for a shoot. "This year we are not celebrating anything at home since my mum passed away five months ago. When mama used to be there, we used to have elaborate celebrations which also included the chanting of the *Lalitha Sahasranama*. However, I am currently in Goa, and my family goddess is also in Goa – Shanta Durga Mahamaya, another avatar of Lakshmi. So I am planning to visit the temple. She was my mother's favourite goddess, and whenever I visit the temple, I feel my mother's presence," says Kamath. Actor Brinda Acharya, who was in a residential school growing up, is making up for the times she missed out on being part of any celebrations at home. "After school, I have always made sure I was home for all the festivals. I usually wake up to my mother chanting goddess Lakshmi nama, and to the beautiful decorations. The Lakshmi idol we have is a DIY one with a small bindige (pot). The face is a mask that's added to make the idol. For the saree, my mum makes small saree pleats. It looks beautiful," says Acharya, who was last seen in *Kousalya Supraja Rama* opposite Darling Krishna.



WITNESSING HISTORY

Proud Bengalureans across ages watch the Chandrayaan-3 landing on lunar surface at Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium on Wednesday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Ahead of their shows in the city, comedians from Blue Material, a Dalit comedy collective, and organisers of their collaborators Maraa, a city-based art collective, talk about representing Dalit voices on the stage, and the need for such initiatives

TUNIR BISWAS

IN the past few years, awareness about caste-based violence and discrimination has been continually in the ethos of the youth with activists and artists regularly bringing the problems to light. While it can be said that this is a step in the right direction, a lot is left to be done. Caste holds an almost immovable place in the country's collective psyche, so to see beyond its hierarchy is a revolutionary act. This week, Blue Material, an independent Dalit comedy collective from Maharashtra, is coming to Bengaluru as part of their third tour in collaboration with Maraa, a city-based media and arts collective. Blue Material has multiple shows lined up starting from August 25 at Maraa, Indiranagar (6.30pm-8pm), August 26 at Bangalore International Centre (6pm-7.30pm) and Shoonya, Lal Bagh (9pm-10.30pm), with the tour concluding on August 27 with shows in Our Theatre (6pm-8.30pm) and Beru Art Space (8.30pm-10pm).

Regarding their present tour, Manaal Patil, a comedian part of Blue Material, says it has been going great. "This is technically our third tour. It's been so fun. We get to meet

a lot of people from our community, a lot of networking happens, and obviously the post-show party scenes," shares Patil.

He believes while caste can be a touchy subject to talk about on stage but such is the nature of comedy. "Comedy has its ways of making the audience uncomfortable. If they come with an expectation and we cater according to them, in the bigger picture, nothing happens. Every joke has its afterthought and I write a joke keeping that afterthought in mind. The minor discomfort in laughs that leads to that afterthought can't happen if everyone is 'comfortable' with the material," he says.

Manaal believes it is very pertinent in today's times to keep the dialogue around caste open. "It is important to talk about it because it's literally everywhere, but I hate to think of what we're doing as some world-changing revolutionary thing. It's just too much pressure, Dalits need to be able to relax as well. This show is just us exploring and talking about our identity. It is more for me than the audience I feel," he says, adding that Blue Material got their inspiration from

Reclaiming Identity



Ankur Tangade



Manaal Patil



Ravi Gaikwad

Def Comedy Jam, which used to be an all-black comedy show started in the '90s. The collective is also planning to record their shows to reach a wider audience.

Meanwhile, Maraa Collective has been running workshops looking at comedy as a platform to express new narratives. "Maraa over the last four years has been working and running workshops in the city and country, looking at comedy as a platform for new narratives to be self-expressed by communities who have been silenced and have not had access to the stage. It is about freedom of expression where it's not just about getting the mic but being empowered to control your narrative through humour. We plan on building on this work in the next year and also plan to work with comedians and collectives," concludes Nihal P, a member of Maraa.

This week, an artiste is busting myths and taboos around the age-old musical instrument parai at this workshop

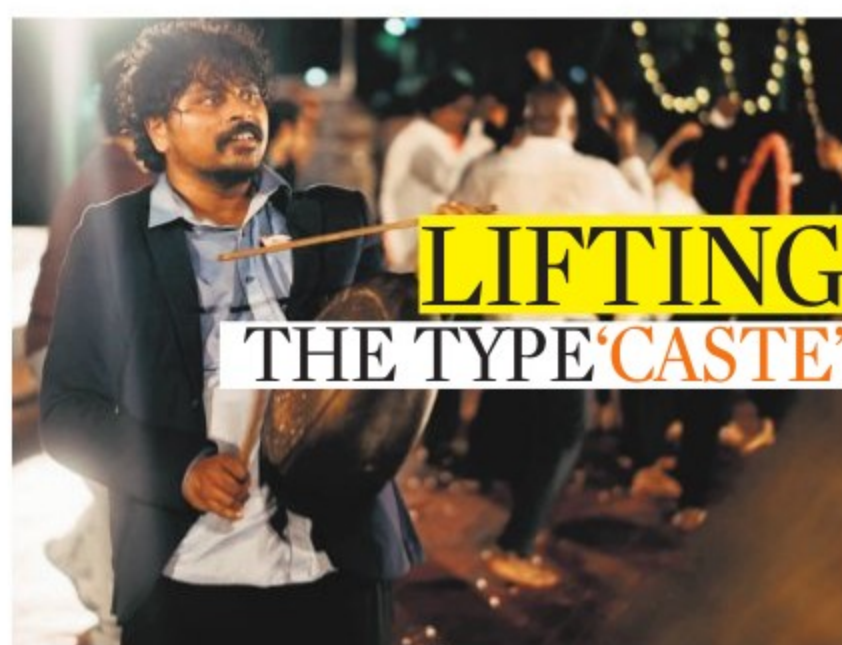
MONIKA MONALISA

MUSIC plays an important role in the cultural reference of the Indian subcontinent. So much so, every occasion has a specific type of music attributed to it. In South India, parai – a traditional drum that is about 35 cm – is often mistakenly associated with a set of taboos. At a workshop on August 26, at the Bangalore Creative Circus, facilitator Keela Naren will share the history and stories around this musical instrument.

A commonly-seen instrument in South India, the parai comes with its own set of taboos. According to Harshini Boyalla, who is a part of Adavi Art Collective, the instrument is played during a death ceremony, or, in the past, has been

associated with certain communities, which has led to inhibitions. "A lot of politics surround the instrument. A kid can easily pick up a guitar, whereas, access to this instrument is not that easy," explains Boyalla, who is also learning the instrument. She further adds, "For me, it is a beautiful instrument but people tend to bring the caste element into it. Also, it is made of buffalo skin, which is again a taboo."

The workshop will be conducted by Naren, who hails from a community that is known for playing the instrument. "It is an instrument with a great history. It is referred to as the mother of all percussion instruments. Before people started bringing the caste element into the equation, it was just a plain musical instrument that was played by everyone,"



LIFTING THE TYPE 'CASTE'

he says.

Naren also points out that people often incorrectly associate the instrument with a death

ceremony. "In Tamil literature, there are many references to the parai, where it is said that the instrument is played on dif-

ferent occasions, from birth to death. It holds a very important reference during death because traditionally there were no medical procedures to confirm the death. So people used to play parai music loudly and if the person still did not wake up, they would declare the person dead," he explains.

With changing times, Naren is also working towards breaking these taboos. "I conduct many parai workshops where I share the actual stories and history behind it, and people, especially the younger generation, are accepting of it. I have also played the instrument at various auspicious occasions like housewarming and wedding ceremonies. I conduct workshops in Hosur and get a number of participants from Bengaluru," he concludes.



Arun Prasad, city-based history researcher, unravels interesting facts about Bengaluru in this weekly quiz series. So it's time for you to find out how familiar you are with the city, beyond its heritage buildings, IT parks and the pub culture.

THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY WEDNESDAY

Send answers to bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com with the subject line 'Know Your City Quiz'. Correct answers and names of first three respondents with right answers will be featured in CE on Thursday.

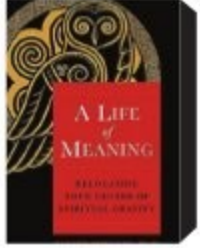
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FIRST THREE TO GET IT RIGHT

1) Supriya Mahesh S
2) Chaya Anilkumar 3) Abhay Prakash

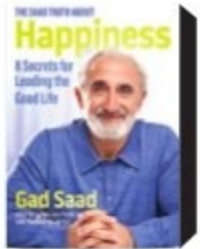
BOOK NOOK



A Life of Meaning: Relocating Your Center of Spiritual Gravity

by James Hollis

Hollis offers no easy answers, instead shares valuable questions and reflections to help you find the courage, persistence, and inspiration to live your own life.



The Saad Truth about Happiness: 8 Secrets for Leading the Good Life

by Gad Saad

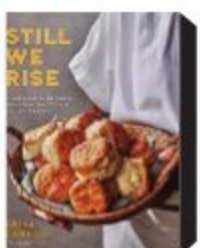
In this book, he draws on his personal experience as a refugee from war-torn Lebanon turned celebrity.



The King of Late Night

by Greg Gutfeld

With his signature wit and humour, Greg reveals stories of his upbringing and early career, what it's like going head-to-head with the liberal media, and what it took to flip the script on the comedy landscape.



Still We Rise

By Erika Council

A love letter to the Southern biscuit, honouring its place in Black culinary culture and beyond with over 70 delicious recipes. Still We Rise is a tribute to the glories of flour, butter, and buttermilk baked tall, tender, and flaky.

WHAT WHEN WHY WHERE



Dark Jokes

Comedian Aakash Mehta and his twin brother Prakash Mehta bring you an hour of the darkest material in town. Not for the weak of heart or the strong of opinion.

WHEN: Aug 25, 8.30pm

WHERE: BLR Brewing Co, Electronics City

DETAILS: bookmynshow.com

Theatre Time

Watch the play *Raktha-Dhwaja* by city-based theatre troupe Dhruvya. Based on the works of R Basavaraj and Basavaraj Kattimani, the play is directed by award-winning thespian Dakshayani Bhat.

WHEN: Aug 24, 7pm

WHERE: KH Kalasoudha, Hanumanthnagar

CALL: 9845753944



Electric Evening

Immerse yourself in an electrifying evening, as Fab Massimo, a Berlin-based music producer takes the stage, delivering his signature Rolling Tech House style music.

WHEN: Aug 26, 6pm onwards

WHERE: Raahi Neo Kitchen and Bar, Ashok Nagar

CALL: 89700 70534



Enchanting Tales

Go for a book reading session and conversations around author Dr Latha Venkateswaran's book *Ripples: A book of stories*.

WHEN: Aug 26, 5pm

WHERE: Blossom Book House, Church Street

CALL: 94482 20202



MYTHICAL PERFORMANCE

Renowned Kuchipudi dancer and Kerala High Court advocate, Parvathy Menon will perform a solo dance-drama called *Jwalamukhi*, based on the life of Sati.

WHEN: Aug 25, 5.45pm

WHERE: Ada Rangamandira, JC Road

DETAILS: allevents.in



Vintage Photography

Learn the art of black and white analog photography with veteran photographer and educator Hellmuth Konz this weekend. All materials for the session, including a camera, film roll will be provided.

WHEN: Aug 26-27, 10am

WHERE: Kanike Studios, Cooke Town

CALL: 98456 42172



AN ARTIST'S PERSPECTIVE

Artist Jayaram Krishnan speaks about one of his paintings, which is currently on display at Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

QUICK FIX

BEGUNI (BRINJAL FRITTER)



Contributed by Ratna Chakraborty, Hyderabad

INGREDIENTS

- Besan (gram flour): 80 g
- Salt to taste
- Brinjal: 150 g/12 slices
- Black salt: a pinch for seasoning
- Rice flour: 20 g
- Water: 120 ml
- Oil for deep frying

METHOD

- Cut brinjal into thin uniform slices.
- Sift besan, rice flour, salt in a bowl. Add water in the given proportion, and beat it to a smooth and lump-free batter.
- Heat oil in a kadai, dip a brinjal slice in the batter. Shake off the excess and gently lower it into the oil.
- Wait for 5 seconds and then flip it. Fry both sides evenly on medium heat.
- Once uniformly golden in colour, remove from oil and serve hot with a sprinkling of black salt.

What's cooking in your kitchen?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com

FIT BIT

URDHVA NAMASKARASANA

(UPWARD MOUNTAIN POSE NAMASTE HANDS)

It is one of the variations with base pose as Urdhva Hastotanasana (Palm Tree Pose). This pose involves engaging the entire body and mind, improving overall posture while promoting mindfulness.

STEPS

- Stand in Tadasana (Mountain Pose) and take a few breaths. Make sure the chest and shoulders are in alignment.
- Stretch the spine up and stand in a pelvic tilt in the posterior position. Inhale, raise your arms in Namaste Mudra while shifting to anterior pelvic tilt.
- Bring the upper arms close to your earlobes. Make sure the shoulder blades are touching each other as you pull upwards.
- Exhale completely and begin a slow deep inhalation. Stretch the arms upwards.
- For better results, pull the belly, engaging the core muscles. The navel is pulled towards the back of the spine.
- Stay here for about 8 breaths using the chest and the ribcage efficiently.
- Inhale deeply and exhale, stretch the arms outwards and release to stand back in Tadasana.



BENEFITS

- Gives awareness of balance and stability.
- Maintains head straight, in line with the heart and hips.
- Helps the facial muscles to relax.
- Helps to avoid tension in the neck and shoulders.
- Ensures core is actively engaged as well.
- Involves engaging the entire body and mind, improving overall posture while promoting mindfulness.
- Helps with conditions related to migraine, vertigo, blood pressure, cervical spondylosis, or any other physical condition.
- It is a transit pose in flow yoga sequences.

LIMITATIONS

People with injury to the shoulders, wrists, elbows, neck, upper back, or lower back, avoid this pose. Those who find raising their arms a challenge as breathing gets difficult, it is best to hold this posture for a short duration. Senior citizens and pregnant women can use wall support to hold the pose longer.

By N Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

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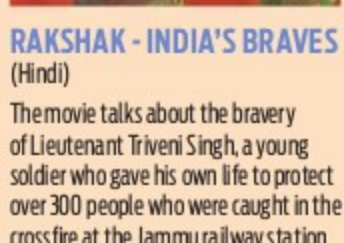


PORTHUZIL (Tamil)

A bright but faint-hearted rookie cop has to overcome his fears in order to succeed in his first case which sees him partnered with a reclusive senior officer to catch a serial killer on the loose.

Cast: Ashok Selvan, Nikhila Vimal, Sunil Sukhada

Watch on: SonyLiv



RAKSHAK - INDIA'S BRAVES (Hindi)

The movie talks about the bravery of Lieutenant Triveni Singh, a young soldier who gave his own life to protect over 300 people who were caught in the crossfire at the Jammu railway station in a terrorist attack in 2004.

Cast: Umar Sharif, Varun Mitra, Kanika Mann

Watch on: Amazon miniTV



FATAFATI (Bengali)

Phullora Bhaduri, a tailor from the suburbs with a gifted sense for designing, is ridiculed for being on the heavier side. Can she become a fashion influencer?

Cast: Soma Banerjee, Ritabhari Chakraborty, Soma Chakraborty

Watch on: SonyLIV



SATYAPREM KI KATHA (Hindi)

A middle-class boy in Ahmedabad, Satyaprem, falls in one-sided love with Katha, who is coping with her breakup with Tapan. Through the journey, they discover each other's lives and complement each other.

Cast: Kiara Advani, Kartik Aaryan

Watch on: Amazon Prime Video



ABAR PROLOY (Bengali)

Crime Branch officer Animesh Datta is on a mission to catch the mastermind of a girl trafficking racket in the Sunderbans. Will he be able to track down the culprit before more young girls disappear?

Cast: Nusrat Faria Mazhar, Saayoni Ghosh, Saswata Chatterjee

Watch on: ZEE5



THE JENGABURU CURSE (Hindi)

A London-based analyst returns to Odisha in search of her missing father. Her quest leads to a conspiracy involving bauxite mining, secretly backed by an international nexus, leading to unexplained deaths and a displaced community.

Cast: Sukumar Tudu, Melanie Gray, Faria Abdullah

Watch on: SonyLIV

BHEEMADEVARAPALLY BRANCHI (Telugu)

Jampanna, a villager from Native Telangana in Mallapur, spends all the money that gets credited in his account, thinking it is one of the government's freebies. This welcomes new problems in his life; how he gets back up is the story.

Cast: Rajsekhar Arinji, Anjilbabu, Manukota Prasad

Watch on: Amazon Prime Video



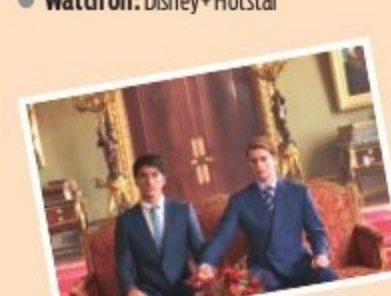
FOREIGN

ONLY MURDERS IN THE BUILDING SEASON 3 (English, series)

Three strangers who share an obsession with true crime are back with another mystery.

Cast: Selena Gomez, Steve Martin, Martin Short

Watch on: Disney+ Hotstar



RED, WHITE & ROYAL BLUE (English, series)

In a comedy romance where the son of the American President and Britain's prince get into a public feud that threatens to drive a wedge in US-British relations, the two are forced into a staged truce that sparks something deeper.

Cast: Jemma Redgrave, Bridget Benstead

Watch on: Amazon Prime Video



HEART OF STONE (English)

An intelligence operative working for a powerful global peacekeeping agency, is tasked with the mission of retrieving an invaluable and perilous asset.

Cast: Alia Bhatt, Gal Gadot, Jamie Dornan

Watch on: Netflix



ELEANORS BENCH (English)

Back in her hometown as a judge for juvenile cases, Eleanor's new perspective sparks a mission to reform her community where courtroom participants might be familiar faces.

Cast: Karen Abercrombie, Cameron Arnett, Demond Wilson

Watch on: SonyLIV

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ZEE5:	₹699/year
SonyLIV:	₹299/month

DR ANAND BALASUBRAMANIAM

THE human eye is a marvel of engineering, intricately designed to capture the world's beauty. However, millions around the world suffer from corneal blindness, a condition that clouds their vision of the world. Corneal transplantation offers a ray of hope to those afflicted, restoring their sight and enhancing their quality of life.

As per the National Programme for Control of Blindness and Visual Impairment (NPCBVI), approximately 10 lakh people are suffering from corneal blindness and waiting for corneal transplants. This is proof that a lot needs to be done to enhance awareness among people, that eye donation is crucial for those people desperately waiting for eye transplants. This can only happen when people know that eye donation is safe.

Eye Donation Fortnight: A beacon of hope

The National Eye Donation Fortnight is observed every year from August 25 to September 8 to raise awareness about the importance of eye donation. It seeks to address the widespread shortage of corneas available for transplantation, a challenge stemming from factors such as lack of awareness, cultural beliefs, and logistical hurdles.

Understanding corneal transplants

The cornea is the transparent front part of the eye that cov-

ers the iris, pupil, and anterior chamber. A healthy cornea is crucial for clear vision. Corneal diseases, injuries, infections, and genetic conditions can lead to corneal damage, resulting in vision impairment or blindness. Corneal transplant surgery, also

known as keratoplasty, involves replacing the damaged or diseased cornea with a healthy donor cornea to restore vision.

Role of eye donation

The success of corneal transplant surgery heavily relies

on the availability of healthy donor corneas. Unfortunately, the demand for corneal tissue far outweighs the supply. This is where eye donation becomes crucial. Eye donation involves the selfless act of donating one's corneas after death, with the aim of helping those in need to regain their sight. Donated corneas are carefully screened and preserved before being transplanted onto recipients.

Impact on recipients

The impact of corneal transplants on recipients is profound and life-changing. For those who have been living with impaired vision or blindness, surgery often results in significant improvement in their quality of life. It allows them to regain independence,

engage in activities they love with confidence, and even pursue careers that were once out of reach. The transformation from a world of darkness to one filled with light is an emotional and uplifting journey for these recipients.

Why raising awareness continues to be crucial?

Despite the potential for transforming lives, there are various misconceptions and cultural taboos surrounding eye donation. These include concerns about disfigurement, religious beliefs, and misunderstandings about the process itself. Creating awareness about the importance of eye donation and debunking these myths is crucial to increasing the number of donors.

Conclusion

Eye donation is a remarkable act that has a transformative impact on corneal transplants. By engaging communities, dispelling myths, and creating infrastructure, it contributes significantly to increase the availability of corneal transplants. As this initiative continues to grow and evolve, it has the potential to not only restore sight but also transform lives, fostering a world where corneal blindness becomes a rarity rather than a prevalent issue. As we continue to raise awareness and overcome misconceptions, the act of donating eyes will continue to brighten the lives of many who could have fallen into the world of darkness.

(The writer is consultant - cornea, cataract & refractive services, Sankara Eye Hospital)

**MISS-FIT**

Waniitha Ashok

Waniitha Ashok is a Fit India Movement Ambassador and celebrity fitness coach

1 Cardio or strength training - which do you suggest to lose weight?

Both! Cardio burns calories while you are exercising. Strength training exercises burn calories during and after the workout even when you are not exercising. Both have multiple benefits and are important components of fitness and cannot be excluded from your workout regime. Cardio strengthens and conditions the heart and lungs, and improves their efficiency. Whereas strength training exercises get you strong, toned, and help conserve lean muscle mass loss and build bone density. Flexibility and skills are other components of fitness. Make sure to include them all.

2 What is the food item that naturally increases the production of collagen in the body?

Bone broth, fish, berries, green leafy vegetables, citrus fruits, avocado, garlic, eggs, nuts, and beans. What tops my list are almonds! Vary the natural sources in your diet.

3 Does yoga help in toning the body?

Yes, it does, but I believe in mixed-bag workout.

To see a change, make a change. Yoga is done using body weight. It's good to varyate your workout, surprise and challenge the body by using various external resistances. A combination of dynamic and isometric exercises is beneficial and helps achieve goals sooner. It's good to include functional strength and flexibility exercises.

It offers many benefits mentally and physically. Yoga is an ancient workout. I would say world's oldest form of structured exercise.

Times have changed, it's fast-paced and demanding therefore one needs to modify the workouts accordingly to tackle the current lifestyle.

Yoga is a good strength and flexibility workout based on body weight, as it does not include skills and cardiorespiratory exercises. It's good to include 30-40 minutes of walking to help strengthen the heart and lungs. I would also suggest you include any racquet sports to work on skills like agility, speed, power, coordination, neuromuscular integrity and reflexes.



With National Eye Donation Fortnight being observed every year from August 25 to September 8, we look at eye donation and its impact on corneal transplants

GIVE SOMEONE THE EYE

**PUBLIC NOTICE****CHANGE OF NAME****CHANGE OF NAME**

I, RALLABHANDI BHAGYALAKSHMI VENKATA RAMA SASTRY, R/at No. H-T-61, Sonestaa Woods Apartments, Bellandur, Bengaluru - 560 103, have changed my name to VENKATA BHAGYA LAKSHMI RALLABHANDI vide affidavit dated: 22/08/2023 before notary K.V. MANI Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Archana Balu, D/o Geetheswar T, aged about 23 years, R/at No.18A, 2nd Cross, Abbaiah Reddy Layout, Garehavalpalya, Bangalore - 560068, have changed my name from Archana Balu to Archana Geetheswar, vide affidavit dated 23/08/2023 sworn to before R.S. Vijay advocate and notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, ARMY NO 4291795M Rank: NK RATHAVA ISUBHAI KANDALABHAI, Residing at Village Dhanagar Vashantah po Kukad Tehsil dabhoi di Vadodara pin 391110 have changed my name from RATHAVA ISUBHAI KANDALABHAI MANSING BHAI to RATHAVA ISUBHAI KANDALABHAI, vide affidavit dated: 21/08/2023 before Notary Sivakumara M.N. Bengaluru,

CHANGE OF NAME

I, LALITHA HEGDE R/o Flat No. A 402, Satkeerti Symphony, Chandapura Road Byagadadenahalli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru - 562106 have changed my name from LALITHA HEGDE to LALITHA HEGDE, vide affidavit dated 11.08.2023 sworn before notary B.M.Chandrasekar, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, BHAWANA RAJPUROHIT, W/o Praveen Rajpurohit, R/at No. 488-A/47/75/1, 4th Cross, 8th Main, Hanumanthanagar, Bengaluru-560050, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from BHAWANA to BHAWANA RAJPUROHIT, vide affidavit dated 17-08-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary MAMATHA .N.K at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, VISHWANATHA C A R/o Flat No. A 402, Satkeerti Symphony, Chandapura Road Byagadadenahalli, Anekal Taluk Bengaluru-562106, have changed my name from VISHWANATHA C A to C A VISHWANATH RAO, vide affidavit dated 11.08.2023 sworn before notary B.M.Chandrasekar, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, JUILLEE MANISH JAIN, W/o Manish Sohanlal, R/at No. 7, 5th Main, 6th Cross, Sirirampuram, Bengaluru-560021, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from MHATRE JUILLEE NAYAN to JUILLEE MANISH JAIN, henceforth I shall be known and called as JUILLEE MANISH JAIN only, vide affidavit dated 22-08-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary MAMATHA .N.K at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SUNAINA, D/o Harish Gopinath, aged about 21 years, R/at #163/2, 2nd Block, Manjunatha Road, Near Ganesh Mandir, T.R. Nagar, Bangalore-560028, do hereby declare I have changed my name from SUNAINA to SUNAINA BHARADWAJ, henceforth I shall be known and called as SUNAINA BHARADWAJ only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 21-08-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary C. GANGADHAR at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, KHUSWANTH .R.N., S/o. Rajamanohara Dasappa Nagappa, Residing at No. 189, MIG-1, Group-1, KHB Colony, Hohtagalli, Mysore-570018, Karnataka, have changed my name to KUSHWANTH .R.N., vide affidavit dated: 23.08.2023 before notary GANGARAJU .B.N., Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, BASAVARAJESHWARI .B.N., D/o Late B.M. Narayana, age 40 years, R/at #3/1, 1st Cross, Maruthinagar, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560 040 do hereby declare that I have changed my name to RAJESHWARI .B.N and henceforth I shall be known and called as RAJESHWARI .B.N only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 21-08-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary P.N. NAGESHA at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, ANJUM FATHIMA, D/o Syed Azgar, R/o NO. 100, 4th Cross, near Masjid e Noor Gandhipuram and Whitefield, Bengaluru District-560068 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from ANJUM FATHIMA AZGAR to ANJUM FATHIMA, henceforth I shall be known and called as ANJUM FATHIMA only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 22nd August 2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary M. RAJENDRA at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Mr. SAMITH J. PATIL, (represented by his natural guardian & father Mr. Jai M. Patil) R/o of Old No. 48, new No. 42, 1st Main Road, Lower Palace Orchards, Sadashivanagar, Lakshmi Temple Road, Swimming Pool Extension, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560003, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Mr. SAMITH PATIL to Mr. SAMITH J. PATIL, henceforth I shall be known and called as Mr. SAMITH J. PATIL only, vide affidavit dated 23-08-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary Prakasha C. at Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT

I, Roseline Jennifer Kolandai Raj, W/o S. Kolandai Raj, age 34 years, Rat No. 57/2, Mallasandra, Begur Main Road, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru-560 068 do hereby declare that both the names i.e. ROSELINE JENNIFER KOLANDASAMY ZACKRIAZ and ROSELINE JENNIFER KOLANDAI RAJ are one and the same and refers to me only, vide affidavit dated 23rd August 2023, sworn before advocate and Notary ARUNA V. at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, RASHEEDA G, Major in age, R/at No. 28/10, 2nd Floor, Masjid Street, Y.G. Palya, Vivekanagar, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560047, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from RASHIDUN NISA to RASHEEDA G, henceforth I shall be known and called as RASHEEDA G only, vide affidavit dated 23-08-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary B. V. NAGABHUSHANA at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, NANDA KISHORE NAMBARU, (existing Name of, residing at #22/10, 1st Floor, 1st Cross, Millers Road, Benson Town, Bangalore 560046 have changed my name from "KISHORE N NANDA" to "NANDA KISHORE NAMBARU", sworn before Notary Public A.R. MUNEE AHMED, at Bangalore on 23.08.2023.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SULAIMAN I. S/o Mr. M. Iqbal, age 44 years, R/at No.33, D Nagaraj Layout, Kavalbyrasandra, Bangalore North, Bengaluru-560032 do hereby declare that my correct name is SULAIMAN and my surname is IQBAL, but in my passport my name is recorded as SULAIMAN IQBAL MOHADEB instead of my correct name SULAIMAN IQBAL, henceforth I shall be known and called as SULAIMAN IQBAL only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 23rd August 2023, sworn before Notary S.I. BALAGURU at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) SINDHU spouse of No.JC-331550H, SUB MAJ, M.RAJAGOPALAN, residing at House No.27/92, Sree Nivasam, Bhagavath Nagar, Kunnathurmedu (Post), Palakkad (Dist), Kerala (State), PIN: 678013, have changed my name to (NEW NAME) SINDHU.R vide affidavit dated 22-08-2023 sworn before Notary Gangaraju B.N Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) R.PADMAVATHY mother of No.JC-331550H, SUB MAJ M.RAJAGOPALAN, residing at House No.27/92, Sree Nivasam, Bhagavath Nagar, Kunnathurmedu (Post), Palakkad (Dist), Kerala (State), PIN: 678013, have changed my name to (NEW NAME) PADMAVATHY RAGHAVAN vide affidavit dated 22.08.2023 sworn before Notary Gangaraju B.N Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Service No.16116575W, NK YASHAVANT PATIL of Unit: 9 FD COY, 5 ENGR REGT, C/o 56 APO, PIN: 914005, have changed my name (OLD NAME) YASHAVANT PATIL to (NEW NAME) YASHAWANT PATIL vide affidavit dated 19.08.2023 sworn before Notary S.I.Balaguru Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) P.SAROJINI spouse of No.15352637H, HAV PADARTHI RAMANIANEYULU, residing at Door No.6-3, Vijayalakshmi Town Ship, Mulakaluru (Vill), Narasaraopet (MD), Palanadu (Dist), Andhra Pradesh (State), PIN: 522601, have changed my name to (NEW NAME) PADARTHI SAROJINI vide affidavit dated 22.08.2023 sworn before Notary Gangaraju B.N Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Service No.15352519L, HAV MAHADEV LATTHI, resident at Benachinamaradi (Vill & Post), Gokak (Tk), Belagavi (Dist), Karnataka (State), PIN: 591344, have changed my name (OLD NAME) MAHADEV LATTHI to (NEW NAME) MAHADEV MALLAPPA LATTHI vide affidavit dated 22.08.2023 sworn before Notary Gangaraju B.N Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, AMRUTHA C R (New Name), D/o C J Rajesh, residing at No. 775, Ananthadham, Kariyanpalya, Banashanankri 6th Stage, 2nd Block, Bangalore - 560098, Karnataka, India, that I have changed my name from NAGA AMRUTHA C R (Old Name) to AMRUTHA C R (New Name), henceforth I shall be known and called AMRUTHA C R (New Name) only for all purpose, vide Affidavit dated : 23/08/2023, before Notary H. S. DHARMA PRASAD, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, NITYASHREE NIKHIL PURANIK (New Name), W/o. Nikhil Ramesh Puranik, resident of No. 24/1-2, Sri Sai Krupa, 2nd Floor, 1st Main, Temple Road, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560003, Karnataka, India, that I have changed my name from NITYASHREE RAMAKRISHNA PURANIK (New Name), henceforth I shall be known and called NITYASHREE NIKHIL PURANIK (New Name) only for all purpose, vide Affidavit dated : 23/08/2023, before Notary MAHESHA. J. J., Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, ANANDA, S/o. Appa, aged 34 years, residing at B.R. Kaval Village, Hanagodu Hobli, Husur Taluk, Mysuru, Karnataka-571 105, today at Bengaluru, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from ANAND to ANANDA, hereinafter I shall known and called as ANANDA only, vide affidavit dated 22.08.2023, sworn to before K. Ramegowda, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SHRINATH BHIMARAV SALUNKE, W/o. Bhimarav Salunke, aged about 33 years, residing at Gundawan, Vijayapura - 586117, today at Bengaluru, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from SHRINATH to SHRINATH BHIMARAV SALUNKE, hereinafter I shall be known and called as SHRINATH BHIMARAV SALUNKE only, vide affidavit dated 22.08.2023, sworn to before K. Ramegowda, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, MAHADEV PRASAD NADASALE SIDDALINGAPPA, resident of No. # 336, 6th Cross, 3rd Main, 1st Stage, 2nd Block, Kalyan Nagar, Nagrabhavi, Bangalore - 560 072, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from MAHADEV PRASAD N S to MAHADEV PRASAD NADASALE SIDDALINGAPPA vide affidavit dated 22.08.2023 sworn to before K.C. Shashikala, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, HOTHUR NARSIMHA SHOBHAN, Aged about 33 years, S/o. Sri. H.V.H. Murthy, residing at 23, Sri Jayalakshmi Nilayam, 7th Main, Rajeevnagar, BSK 3rd Stage, Bengaluru - 560 085, Karnataka, do hereby declare that, my son's Correct name is SHACHIN SHOBHAN HOTHUR which is mentioned in his Aadhar Card and in his passport his name was mentioned as Sur Name - Shobhan. Given Name - Shachin, instead of SHACHIN SHOBHAN HOTHUR. I hereby submit that both the names pertain to the one and same person, i.e., my son's names only. Vide affidavit dated 22.08.2023 sworn to before B.K.R. Krishnamurthy, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, PRIYANKA KUMAR, Daughter of PREMILKUMAR G, Date of Birth 17-7-1999 and resident of No. 2145, KIRANA, 1st Cross, B M Kaval, behind BVSSS Water Tank, HAL 3rd Stage, Indiranagar, Bangalore North, Bengaluru-560075, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from PRIYANKA R to PRIYANKA KUMAR vide affidavit dated 23.8.2023 sworn to before B. Hanumantharaya, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Vignesh Sridhar, S/o. Sridhar Srinivasan, Aged about 36 years, Residing at A-602, Tower-2, Plumeria, Adarsh Palm Retreat, Bellandur, Bengaluru - 560 103, do hereby declare that I have changed my minor son's name from Advait to Advait Vignesh vide affidavit dated 22.08.2023 sworn to before Sakina Bano, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Vignesh Sridhar, S/o. Sridhar Srinivasan, Aged about 36 years, Residing at A-602, Tower-2, Plumeria, Adarsh Palm Retreat, Bellandur, Bengaluru - 560 103, do hereby declare that I have changed my minor daughter's name from Ananya to Ananya Vignesh vide affidavit dated 22.08.2023 sworn to before Sakina Bano, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT

I, M. MUNININGIAH @ M. SHIVANNA, S/o. Late Muniningiah, Aged about 61 years, Residing at No. 007, Ground Floor, Sri Sai Ashrama, 2nd Main Road, Opp. Muthoot Finance, Guddadhalli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru - 560 032, Karnataka, do hereby declare that M. MUNININGIAH and M. SHIVANNA both the names refers to me only. Vide affidavit dated 23.08.2023 sworn to before Anitha Bai, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT

I, SUKHI DEVI, aged about 66 years, W/o. Late Parasram Jain, R/at. #1, D.S. Lane, Chickpet Cross, Saurashtrapet, Chickpet, Bengaluru - 560 053, do hereby declare that PARASRAM JAIN and PARASRAM KANTED, both the names belong and refer to one and the same person, i.e., my husband's names only, vide affidavit dated 22.08.2023, sworn to before S. Venkatasubba Reddy, Advocate & Notary Public, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

We, RANGAPPA, S/o. Giriappa, & SRI LAKSHMI W/o. Rangappa, R/at. Kadlappanahalli Village, Sasalu Hobli Doddaballapur taluk, Bengaluru Rural Dist.-561204, have changed our daughter name from GUNADHYA R to ANANYA R vide affidavit dated 22/08/2023 sworn before Notary Public K.P. Ramesh, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SALOMINA D/o Martin A., Residing at #401, 4th Floor, Aishwarya Kancharia Grand, 11th Main, NRI Layout, Ramamurthy nagar, Bangalore-16 hereby declare that my father name is wrongly mentioned in my passport as MARTINUS B, but the correct name is MARTIN A vide affidavit: Dated 23/08/2023 sworn before Notary K.V. Mani, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) MOHAMED AFSAR, Residing at No.1101, Madina Masfid Road, Kote Channapatna 562-160, Ramanagaram District, Karnataka State, have changed my name (OLD NAME) MOHAMED AFSAR to (NEW NAME) MOHAMMED AFSAR vide affidavit dated 21.08.2023 sworn before Notary A.R.Nagendra Channapatna.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) HEENA MEHADI Residing at No.25, Anandapura Mohalla, Bilal Nagar, Channapatna 562-160, Ramanagaram District, Karnataka State, have changed my name (OLD NAME) HEENA MEHADI to (NEW NAME) HEENA MEHDI vide affidavit dated 22.08.2023 sworn before Notary A.R.Nagendra Channapatna.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Yashitha Jakkaraju, Aged about 14 years, D/o. Ramkishore Jakkaraju residing at No. 475, 6th cross, 7th main, Vasavi Temple Road, Mahalakshmi Layout, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560 086, have changed my name from Yashitha. J to 'YASHITHA JAKKARAJU', vide an affidavit dated 22-08-2023 bearing no. IN-KA63712490908253V sworn to before Advocate and Notary, B HANUMANTHARAYA, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, ALLAYA SANGEETHA (DOB: 05-01-1990) W/o Mr. Shiva Kumar K A Resident of: No. A108, Inland Edition, Opp. Prasad Hospital, 1st Main Road, 4th Phase, Yelahanka New Town, Bengaluru 560064. have changed my name from ALLAYA SANGEETHA to SANGEETHA K A Vide Affidavit dated 23-08-2023 sworn to before Notary Public, G.P. CHAYA, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I MR. VIJAYAKUMAR PATTABIRAMAN, aged about 46 years, son of S. Pattabiraman residing at No.21, Horamavu Agara Village, Krishnarajapura Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk due to mistake in the birth certificate of my son, have changed my minor son's name as DHARANISH VIJAYAKUMAR from his old name V. Dharanish and also changed my name as VIJAYAKUMAR PATTABIRAMAN from Vijaya Kumar P. vide affidavit dated 04-05-2023 sworn before the Advocate & Notary Mr. L. Pandurangan, Vellore-632002

AFFIDAVIT

I, ANITHA JOSEPHINE RANJIT SINGH (ANITHA J R), D/O RANJIT SINGH ARKOYASWAMY Resident of Brigade Westaria, flat 8808, KANAKPURA MAIN ROAD, KAGGALPURA, BENGALURU, 560082, I declare that the names ANITHA JOSEPHINE RANJIT SINGH (ANITHA J R) and ALMAS PARVEEN belongs to me only. In future my name will be called and continued as ANITHA JOSEPHINE RANJIT SINGH (ANITHA J R), vide affidavit dated 21/08/2023 sworn before advocate and notary B.M. Chandrasekar, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, VIRENDRA K. YADAV S/o Sri. Hukm Singh Yadav R/o: Yelahanka, Bangalore-560064, have changed my name from VIRENDRA K. YADAV to VIRENDRA KUMAR YADAV Vide Affidavit dated 22-08-2023 sworn to before Notary Public, G.P. CHAYA, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, PARVATI DEVI Mother of No.13627359H, Rank: Nk, Name RAJENDRA SINGH, residing of Village-Linuwa, Post-Kalka, Tehsil-Dharchula, Dist-Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand-262576, presently residing at PRTC, J.C Nagar, Bangalore-560006, have changed my name from PARVATI DEVI to PARVATI DEVI Vide Affidavit dated 04-07-2023 sworn to before Notary Public, Y.R. Chandrasekar, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, RAJENDRA SINGH, No.13627359H, Rank: Nk, residing of Village-Linuwa, Post-Kalka, Tehsil-Dharchula, Dist-Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand-262576, have changed my daughter's name from KUMARI SAUMYA to SAUMYA BISHT Vide Affidavit dated 01-08-2023 sworn to before Notary Public, Y.R. Chandrasekar, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

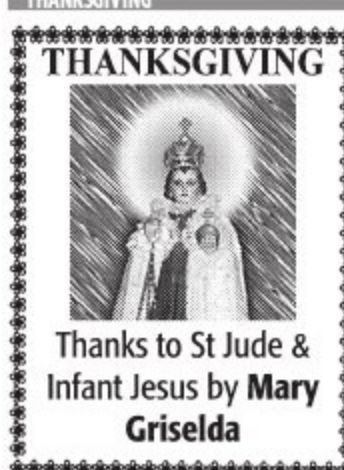
I, Army No.JC41287F, Rank SUB, ROOP KISHOR, S/o. Devi Singh, resident of No.18/1, High School, Village Daulatgarh, District Bharatpur, State Rajasthan - 321404, have changed my son name from NAVNEET to NAVNEET SINGH Vide Affidavit dated 08-08-2023 sworn to before Notary Public, Y.R. Chandrasekar, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, MOHAMMED ASIF, S/o. Nizamuddin, aged about 41 years, Residing at No.86, 1st Cross, Near New Tona Public School, Mangammanapalya, Bommanahalli, Bengaluru-560068, state that as per in all our Family Records my Daughter's Actual and Correct name is ALVINA JATU but in her School Records it is wrongly mentioned as ALVINA KHAN, we intend to rectify the same vide affidavit dated:23-08-2023, sworn before Notary, B.M. Chandrasekar, Bangalore, she shall be known and called as ALVINA JATU only for all Official and Future Purposes

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Dr. ASHWINI, Mother of minor D/o Shathadruthi A. Gowda, residing at No.1 and 2, Sri Sai Health Care, Vinayaka Layout, Bidarhalli, Bangalore - 560049. I have changed my minor D/o name from "SHATHADRUTHI B. GOWADI" to "SHATHADRUTHI A. GOWADI" Vide Affidavit Dated : 22/08/2023 sworn to before Notary Prakasha.C. at Bangalore.

OTHERS**THANKSGIVING**

Thanks to St Jude & Infant Jesus by Mary

Griselda

TOBY PROVIDED THE IDEAL CONDUIT FOR MY EMOTIONS: RAJ B SHETTY



A still from the film

A SHARADHAA

DELVING into *Toby*, the latest creation of filmmaker Raj B Shetty, one is immediately drawn to a line written by him — When you hurt an artist, poem comes. It is one such hurt that gave shape to the poem that is *Toby*, a universe that is set to draw in the audience from August 25. “Even prior to the incident that ignited the inception of this film, I held a vision for it. Yet, it existed in an entirely distinct context. Interestingly, during the writing process, the incident... a challenge *Toby* would confront took on a unique angle. My vulnerability paralleled *Toby*’s weakness. As a line from the film goes, ‘*Kannumuchidrene oledittu, but avanu Kanbitagide*,’ and our team harnessed the energy of our powerlessness to depict helplessness, ultimately transforming it into a triumphant Maari by the end. To me, this epitomises an encounter that initially submerges but ultimately elevates a person,” says a rather upbeat Raj.

The genesis of *Toby* originates from TK Dayanand’s short story, which has been adapted to the big screen by Raj. “Upon immersing myself in the narrative, I was captivated by the uniqueness of the characters, which sparked my visualisation of their on-screen presence. The 8-page tale underwent adjustments with the writer’s endorsement, of course,” he elaborates. Talking about taking on someone else’s vision and giving it his own perspective, Raj says, “Much like how my own bald head led to *Ondu Motteya Kathe* and the challenges stemming from success birthed *Garuda Gamana Vrishabha Vahana*, *Toby*’s character-driven experience kindled my storytelling. I could resonate with the short story of an individual grappling with solitude and flaws, yet remaining resilient. This fusion of traits ignited my creativity.”

Apart from acting in *Toby*, Raj has also taken up the responsibilities of being the screenwriter and the producer. When asked if all this power is a blessing or a burden, Raj has a very profound response. “Let’s say we are constructing a house. My task is to erect the structure. The embellishments and adornments come later. I see being a director, writer, producer, and actor is multiple names for the same entity, each with distinct responsibilities. It is the passion for the craft that ensures I readily shoulder these roles,” he says.

But what role tested Raj the most in *Toby*? Pat came the reply, “Actor...” Explaining his choice, Raj says, “The intricate complexities inherent in *Toby*’s character made portraying him gratifying yet demanding. After 40 days of toil, exhaustion overtook me; I was so drained that a five-day slumber seemed alluring.”

From what we’ve seen of *Toby*, it is clear that Raj’s titular character has the innocence of a sheep and the fierceness of a Tagaru. “His smile radiates unfiltered purity. This unadulterated innocence fosters an undeniable strength. My aspiration is to encapsulate *Toby*’s spirit — a fusion of gentleness and the ability to toughen as circumstances demand. Just as a sheep can metamorphose into a Tagaru, *Toby*’s transfor-

mation isn’t driven by self-interest. While society may exploit him for gains, he relinquishes everything for its sake, and therein he becomes a Tagaru.”

Raj contributed extensively in shaping *Toby*’s character portrayal. “In the moments spent in costume, especially during the final phase, I intentionally minimised my dialogues. For those six days, I cherished solitude, relying solely on Praveen as my intermediary with the outside world. Hindered by a bulky nose ring, I couldn’t even speak. I had to immerse myself into the mindset of the character. I commenced with the most challenging scenes, gradually transitioning to lighter moments. This strategic scheduling harnessed our energy optimally,” says Raj.

As much as *Toby* is being lauded for its unique look, there are sections of the audience who are comparing *Toby* with *Garuda Gamana Vrishabha Vahana*’s Shiva. “Honestly, if that was the case, I wouldn’t have imagined this new character at all. *Toby* stands apart from Shiva. Although they share certain cultural backgrounds and visual cues, their essence, demeanor, and communication styles are entirely different,” assures Raj.

Considering how his projects are known for featuring a stellar ensemble, Raj shares that *Toby* will be no different on this front. “My colleagues delivered exceptional performances. For instance, Chaitra Acharya swiftly transitioned between costumes, infusing the character with a gamut of emotions. This resonated with me, as it’s exactly where my passion lies too — in intricate portrayals. Gopal Krishna Deshpande, portraying my friend, embodied relatability to any village milieu. Samyukta Hornad’s expressions and tone were pivotal. Raj Deepak Shetty’s dedication was evident in his commitment. Each actor enriched the film’s spectrum. We had newcomers and those with a handful of films under their belt like Sandhya Arakere, Bharath, Yogesh Bankeshwar, and of course, the child artist who shines brilliantly — a must-watch on screen. Skillful technicians like Midhun Mukundan and Praveen Shriyan journeyed with us. We’re like cautious kids, not afraid of failure but apprehensive about realising our cinematic dreams. Guided by Praveen and Midhun’s expertise, the film exudes visual and auditory splendor,” says a confident Raj.

Reflecting on the assimilated lessons that ushered the inception of *Toby*, Raj reveals, “There were emotions bottled up within me desperately seeking an outlet. Unable to release them directly, I channelled them into this film. I drew from the experiences of deep hurt unexpressed. *Toby* provided the ideal conduit for my emotions. Simultaneously, the aspiration was to craft something remarkable. The lessons learned sometimes arrived amid challenges and critiques, testing our team’s unity.”

While his approach to filmmaking is stoic and steadfast, Raj has no qualms admitting he seeks engaging narratives as an audience. “As a filmmaker, I’m dedicated to my craft. However, as a viewer, I also revel in light-hearted films like *Hostel Hudugaru*... I’m drawn to well-crafted narratives that teach us how to connect with audiences. Irrespective of the genre, what really matters is the filmmaker’s ability to captivate the audience. In a few days, we’d know where we stand,” concludes Raj Shetty.



Komal Kumar

Yukti Thareja

Nikhil Kumar

Lyca Productions announces first Kannada venture with Nikhil Kumar

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WE earlier reported that Lyca Productions were making their maiden foray into Kannada cinema with a project starring Nikhil Kumaraswamy in the lead. The makers have now confirmed the project with a grand muhurat ceremony, which was graced by former Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda, former Chief Minister HD Kumaraswamy, along with Nikhil’s family, and Subaskaran, the chairman of Lyca.

This project marks the Kannada debut of director Lakshman, who has helmed Tamil films like *Bogan*, *Bhoomi*, and *Romeo and Juliet*. Billed to be a multilingual film, the project will introduce Yukthi Thareja, known for her role in *Rangabali*, to Kannada cinema. In addition, Komal Kumar, who was recently part of *Namo Bhootatma 2*, will play a significant role.

Nikhil, whose last cinematic outing was *Rider*, took a hiatus to immerse himself in politics. Returning to the films, the actor is meticulously preparing to face the camera once again, and come September; this project will go on floors. Expressing his elation about collaborating with Lyca, Nikhil also revealed his intention to do three movies in the upcoming year and entertain the audience with an array of films.

Ajaneesh Loknath, acclaimed for his music in *Kantara* and *Vikrant Rona*, is onboard the project, which will be shot by Vamsi Patchipulusu. The film’s dialogue will be penned by Raghu Niduvalli.



HD Deve Gowda, HD Kumaraswamy, Nikhil Kumar, Subaskaran, and Komal

ZACK SNYDER TO LAUNCH HIS SPACE OPERA FRANCHISE WITH REBEL MOON

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WE know that Zack Snyder has been working on his space opera film *Rebel Moon*. Now, along with a teaser for the film, Netflix has also announced the title and release dates for the first two films of the franchise. *Rebel Moon Part One: A Child of Fire* will release

on December 22 while the second part titled *Scargiver* will premiere on April 19, 2024. Both the films are confirmed to release exclusively on Netflix. The official synopsis of *Rebel Moon* says, “A peaceful colony on the edge of the galaxy is threatened by the armies of a tyrannical regent named Balisarius. The desperate civilians dispatch Kora, a young woman who has a myste-

rious past, to seek out warriors from nearby planets to help them challenge the regent.” Apart from the films, Snyder is also working on a video game set in the world of *Rebel Moon*. It was reported that the filmmaker originally pitched the idea for *Rebel Moon* as a Star Wars film, and following the rejection, he decided to develop the series on his own. *Rebel Moon* features an ensemble cast that includes Sofia Boutella, Fra Fee, Charlie Hunnam, Djimon Hounsou, Ray Fisher, Anthony Hopkins, Ed Skrein, Michiel Huisman, Doona Bae, Jena Malone, and Staz Nair.



Shilpa Shetty to be seen next in family entertainer Sukhee

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SHILPA Shetty Kundra will be returning to the big screen with a family entertainer titled *Sukhee*. Directed by Sonal Joshi in her debut, the film is slated to release on September 22. *Sukhee* revolves around Sukhpreet ‘Sukhee’ Kalra, a 38-year-old Punjabi housewife and her friends who go



to Delhi to attend their school reunion after 20 years. In the process, *Sukhee* relives the

17-year-old version of herself whilst going through a plethora of experiences and emotions. Making the release date announcement on social media, Shilpa wrote, “*Yeh Kahaani hai meri, aapki, hum sabki. Miliye aapki hi jaisi, Sukhpreet Kalra yaani ki #Sukhee se aur aaiye meri duniya mein*, 22 September sirf cinema gharo mein (This is my story, your story, our story. Meet someone who is just like you, Sukhpreet Kalra aka Sukhee. Come to my world. In cinemas from September 22.)” Apart from Shilpa, the film also stars Kusha Kapila, Dilnaz Irani, Pavleen Gujral, Chaitanya Choudhry and Amit Sadh. The film is produced by the makers Sherni, Chhorri and Jalsa, T-Series and Abundantia Entertainment.